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Bosnian foes agree to cease-fire, peace talks

SARAJEVO (Reuters) — Bosnia's warring sides agreed yesterday to a cease-fire in five days' time as a first step toward ending their bloody conflict.

US President Bill Clinton said Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia pledged to stop fighting on October 10 and attend peace talks in the US around October 25.

He hailed the agreement, brokered by US envoy Richard Holbrooke, as "an important moment in the painful history" of the multi-ethnic state, whose post-independence torment has killed thousands and created a tidal wave of refugees.

Bosnia's Muslim-led government made the timing of the cease-fire conditional on its Bosnian Serb foes restoring gas and electricity to Sarajevo, which is still under semi-siege.

Clinton said the Washington peace talks, where Holbrooke would again act as a peace catalyst, would be followed up at a Paris peace conference.

He threw the full weight of Washington's diplomacy into Holbrooke's drive for peace, engaging American prestige more deeply than at any other time in the Bosnian war.

Aware of previous false starts littering the history of mediation throughout the 3½-year conflict, he cautioned:

"We must be clear-eyed about it. What matters is what the parties do, not simply what they say. We are slow on the right road, but we have by no means reached our destination."

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic said he believed the parties could reach agreement and gave it a 50-50 chance of success, but added that agreement on constitutional principles and maps is still "rather far away."

Sandy Vershbow of the US National Security Council told reporters the agreement would not bring about the immediate deployment of NATO forces to replace UN peacekeepers.

Clinton stuck fast to his insistence that a fully enforceable peace agreement must be reached before he would send American troops to Bosnia.

Bosnian Serb Vice-President Nikola Koljivic told Reuters that Serb negotiators would meet the Bosnian government on Friday to set a timetable for restoring Sarajevo's utilities, cut off last April.

If the October 10 deadline is missed, the cease-fire will not take place until electricity and gas are flowing again. The cease-fire will last for 60 days or for the duration of peace talks.

The plan would maintain a sovereign Bosnia but divide it into linked halves, one for the Serbs, the other for a Muslim-Croat federation.

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin addresses the Knesset plenum yesterday.

(Isaac Harari)

Zion Square flooded with Oslo 2 protesters

HERB KEINON

A CROWD estimated at 20,000 to 30,000 flooded Zion Square in central Jerusalem last night to protest the Oslo 2 accords, then marched by torch light to the Knesset chanting: "The people didn't sign."

"This government does not have a Zionist majority," Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu told the crowd. "The Zionist public in Israel has not approved Oslo 2."

As the demonstration reached the Knesset, a number of MKs stepped from the balcony to the balcony to look at the long procession of moving lights winding its way to the building. Organizers said thousands more demonstrators joined the crowd at the Knesset, where more speeches were delivered.

One of the leaflets distributed read, "Rabin, go home before you give it away."

The crowd pressed up to the front gates of the Knesset, watched by police on horseback, stationed along with a water cannon — inside the grounds.

Some 2,500 policemen were on hand throughout

the demonstration, organized by the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, and the right-wing parties. Police said nine Kach activists were arrested.

Speaking from the balcony of the Hotel Ron overlooking Zion Square, Netanyahu — greeted by chants of "Bibi, Bibi" — told the crowd: "Only two years ago, when the Knesset approved Oslo 1, the vote was 61 in favor and 50 against. The erosion in support is not only a result of what has happened on the ground, but also a direct result of the activity of the national camp. The minority has turned into the majority, and today most of the country is with us."

Because of faulty speakers at the beginning of the rally, much of Netanyahu's speech was drowned out. When he heard part of the crowd chant "Rabin is a traitor," he waived his finger in a sign of disapproval, and tried to quiet them down.

Extended boos were heard when Netanyahu, and any of the other speakers, including Moledet's (Continued on Page 2)

Rabin sets out vision of final settlement

Debate runs past midnight; Kahalani to vote against

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset debate over the Oslo 2 accords ran on after midnight last night. Near 1 a.m., maverick Labor MK Avigdor Kahalani, after a day of avoiding making a clear statement of his intentions, said he would vote against the government.

Even with his and fellow Labor MK Emanuel Zissman's opposition, the coalition seemed assured of passing, by 61 votes to 59. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's vision of a final settlement with the Palestinians.

In his address to the Knesset yesterday morning, before over 100 MKs spoke, Rabin spelled out for the first time before such a forum his formulation of the final arrangement for Jerusalem. Rabin made the poll on Oslo 2 a vote of confidence in the government.

In his plenum speech, Rabin said, "These are the main changes, not all of them, which we envision and want in the permanent solution."

"First and foremost, united Jerusalem, which will include both Ma'aleh Adumim and Givat Ze'ev, will be the capital of Israel, under Israeli sovereignty, while preserving the rights of the members of the other faiths to freedom of access and freedom of worship in their holy places."

"The security border of the State of Israel," he continued, "will be located in the Jordan Valley, in the broadest meaning of that term."

"Other changes will include the addition of Gush Etzion, Efrat, Betar, and other communities, most of which are in the area east of what was the Green Line prior to the Six Day War."

He said he also envisions "the establishment of blocs of settlements in Judea and Samaria, like the one in Gush Katif."

Two themes ran through the marathon debate: Rabin stressed that the peace agreement is the only way to preserve a Jewish state, rather than a bi-national one, while Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu accused the government of being "removed from Jewish tradition."

Rabin's speech, which lasted 45 minutes, was constantly interrupted by hecklers, but it was the visual effects which ultimately attracted the most attention.

David Mena and Avraham Herschson (Likud) simultaneously opened large black umbrellas to symbolize the Munich agreement between British prime minister Neville Chamberlain and Adolf Hitler. Mena was later removed for further disturbances. Members of the Women in Green sat in the gallery wearing their distinctive headgear.

"We are aiming at a permanent solution to the continuous bloody conflict between us and the Palestinians and the Arab countries," Rabin said. "Within the permanent solution, we aim first and foremost to make the State of Israel a Jewish state, with at least 80 percent of its residents Jewish."

"We see the final arrangements as including most of the Land of Israel, as it was under the British Mandate, and alongside it a Palestinian entity, which is less than a state, and which will independently run the lives of most of the Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip and West Bank."

"We had to choose between the Greater Land of Israel ... and a state smaller in area, but which would be a Jewish state. We chose to be a Jewish state," he said.

Rabin stressed Israel "will not return to the borders of June 4, 1967."

He also said that "the PA must do much more against terror organizations."

Rabin emphasized that the Palestinians have never and do not now present a threat to Israel's existence, although terror presents the greatest obstacle to the peace process. He said the PLO had stopped its terror attacks against Israel, but other groups continue with terrorism.

He repeated statements he made earlier this week that he saw the PLO promise to delete the clauses in its covenant calling for Israel's destruction as a central test of the whole agreement.

He again said a solution had been reached for the protection of the holy sites.

"We are setting out on a new

road which is likely to lead us to an age of peace, to an end of wars," Rabin concluded.

Netanyahu, on the other hand, accused Rabin of leading the Israeli government most removed from Jewish tradition. Although there were no umbrellas opened during his speech, a minor storm erupted when he accused Rabin of saying the Bible is not a land ownership registry. Rabin in turn accused Netanyahu of "lying. You're a liar."

Netanyahu accused Rabin and the government of "unprecedented acts ... It's true that in the history of our people we have been beaten and exiled ... but never before have Jews willingly, joyously, and happily given up on parts of their homeland, on the recognition of our right to this land ... Don't tell us stories that what guided you in your policy were Jewish values. This government is the one most removed from Jewish values that there has ever been."

He said that apart from the security and strategic threats arising from the agreement, the greatest threat is its damage to the vision of and faith in a Jewish homeland by acting as if Israel were a foreign invader.

"What will you say to [Yasser Arafat and Hamas's Sheikh Ahmed Yassin] when they demand the Triangle and Galilee?" Netanyahu asked. "What will you say when they demand the right of return to Jaffa, Acre, and Sheikh Munis, on whose ruins Tel Aviv University stands?"

Netanyahu said the Likud recognizes the need for a solution to the Palestinian problem. "That's why we went to Camp David and Madrid and why we propose administrative autonomy for the Palestinians."

He repeatedly described Rabin's "vision" as a "tiny, threatened country, dependent on Arafat for its security."

Ridiculing Rabin's description of a wide Jerusalem corridor he said, "Why should there be a corridor, a cul de sac, a one-way alley to Jerusalem ... Beit Ikka, which you have given back, is 700 meters from the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway ... So don't tell us about Jerusalem. You are strangling Jerusalem. I saw the maps and they are a shocking sight."

Irish poet Seamus Heaney wins Nobel literature prize

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Poet Seamus Heaney of Ireland, whose lyrical works portray the pain of sectarian strife and the joy of growing up in a Roman Catholic farming family, won the 1995 Nobel Prize in literature yesterday.

The Swedish Academy that awards the prize lauded Heaney for poems "of lyrical beauty and ethical depth, which exalt everyday miracles and the living past."

"As an Irish Catholic, he has concerned himself with analysis of the violence in Northern Ireland — with the express reservation that he wants to avoid the conventional terms," read the citation from the Swedish Academy, which awards the prize. "In his opinion, the fact that there has been unwillingness on both sides to speak out — even about manifest injustices — has been of great importance in the explosive development," it said.

Heaney, 56, who writes in English and Irish, had frequently been mentioned in the past as a candidate. He will receive his award at a ceremony in Stockholm on December 10, along with the 1995 laureates for physics, chemistry, economics, medicine or physiology, and peace, to be announced next week.

Heaney is the son of a Roman Catholic farming family in Northern Ireland. A resident of Dublin, he was Professor of Poetry at Oxford University and is currently on a leave of absence from Harvard University, where he has been Boylston Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory since 1985. In his poem "Digging," Heaney described his writing process.

"Between my finger and my thumb

"The squat pen rests.

"I'll dig with it."

Knesset corridors abuzz as vote drew nearer

NOTEBOOK

LIAT COLLINS

TWO major issues were discussed endlessly in the Knesset's corridors yesterday: whether Labor's Avigdor Kahalani and Emanuel Zissman would oppose the Oslo 2 accords and what time the vote would be held. Both questions remained unanswered until the early hours of the morning.

The Labor faction held a morning meeting at which it was decided formally that should the maverick members vote against the accords, it would be seen as a sign they have left the party.

The two enjoyed the limelight largely in absentia. When they finally turned up at the Knesset at noon, they ran a gauntlet of reporters as they were ushered into an urgent meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

In fact, attention was so fixed on them, that when Rabin left the room to begin his speech in the

Knesset plenum, not a single reporter followed him. Kahalani and Zissman had temporarily assumed greater newsworthiness.

Kahalani seemed to enjoy the tension and teased reporters about when he would reveal which way he would vote. "The coin has been put in the slot, eventually it will fall into place and I'll make up my mind," he said. He made his final announcement that he would vote against the government shortly before 1 a.m. today.

Meetings on the subject were held all over the building, and MKs, aides, and secretaries scurried from room to room and floor to floor as if just by moving they could change the vote. The cen-

ter of activity for most of the morning was the lecture hall, where there were huge maps spread on the walls.

Although OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan appeared promptly at eight to answer questions, the MKs did not appear until mid-morning. Those who did turn up were more interested in the political issues than the details of the maps.

Opposition MKs gave the impression of briefing the general, as they constantly raised rhetorical questions which Dayan avoided answering with a diplomacy that belied his constant assurances that he is an army man, not a politician.

The maps looked extraordinarily complicated, with large splashes of yellow showing the Palestinian autonomous areas.

"It looks like someone hung

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Shara unmoved by US efforts to restart talks

HILLEL KUTTNER

WASHINGTON

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher apparently was unable yesterday to secure Syria's commitment to restart security negotiations with Israel.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara told reporters following his two-hour meeting with Christopher that Damascus remains adamant that Israeli ground-based early-warning stations on the Golan are "out of the question."

Such a ground presence would be a "contradiction of the arrangements" for holding security talks, Shara stated.

But Israeli officials here said the Christopher-Shara meeting dealt less with such substantive matters than with restarting the negotiations.

A senior administration official said the US is pessimistic about resuming those talks because rather than look ahead to bringing the security officials

back to the table, Syria is "trying to reconstruct what happened" and is continuing to blame Israel for the breakdown of the talks.

One solution to the impasse could be delaying discussion of ground stations to a later stage in the security talks, or bumping such a decision up to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Syrian President Hafez Assad, the Israeli officials said.

The US and Syria are working on several formulas for restarting the talks, they said.

Israel has maintained that such security issues as ground stations are meant to be discussed between the two sides' chiefs of staff or other military officials. After the chiefs of staff met here three months ago, Damascus

broke off the talks, ostensibly over Israel's demand that it have ground-based stations.

Yesterday's meeting was the first between Shara and Christopher since then.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the US strategy continues to be that "the essential underpinnings" to the Israeli-Syrian talks are "moving ahead on the security arrangements."

Burns said the US's expectations are that "this is going to be very difficult" because the administration believed last summer that it had "had an agreement on a sequence of steps that would help the parties discuss the security issues."

He also downplayed reports, as he did last Friday, that Christopher would soon be shuttling between Damascus and Jerusalem to arrange for the talks' resumption.

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20 Hamas activists rounded up by Palestinian police

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN police in Rafiah arrested 20 Hamas activists yesterday following separate attacks which killed a Palestinian guard and slightly wounded an Israeli policeman in the area on Tuesday.

The crackdown followed distribution of a leaflet by the Islamic Salvation Front, an unknown organization presumed linked with Hamas, which took responsibility for the attack on the Israeli policeman.

The same group is presumed responsible for the killing of guard Wael Maghari, who chased three masked men who opened fire on the house of Brig. Gen. Mahmoud Abu Marzook, head of the Palestinian civil defense. Maghari was killed after wounding one man when the other two returned fire.

Abu Marzook is the brother of

Mousa Abu Marzook, head of the political department of Hamas, who is in the custody of New York police and whose extradition from the US to Israel was formally requested yesterday.

The attack on a leading PA official came during a lull in PA-Hamas tension. Although opposition to the Oslo 2 accord abroad had been sharp, Hamas attacks on the accord in Gaza had been low-key.

Partly in response to this fall, the office of *Al-Wakeel*, the Hamas weekly, opened yesterday to resume publication next week, almost three months after being closed by the Palestinian Authority for publishing articles considered inciteful. PA Chairman Yasser Arafat gave permission for the newspaper to resume publication earlier this week.



Thousands of people demonstrated against the Oslo 2 agreement in Jerusalem's Zion Square yesterday. (Boian Hender)

Christians scared to speak out about PA control

HAN SHAPIRO

IF Christians have kept silent on the transfer of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem to Palestinian control under Oslo 2, it is because they are afraid to speak out, according to Israel Lippel, an expert on interreligious affairs.

He said many church and lay Christian leaders have privately expressed their fears of being under the Muslim control of Palestinians, but are unwilling to say anything publicly.

There have been dozens of cases in which churches and Christian clergy were attacked by Muslims. But although the churches were quick to attack Israel for not protecting them, they said nothing about those who carried out the attacks, he said.

"They just swallowed it and kept silent," said Lippel, who until a few months ago served as a special adviser on religious affairs to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Indicative of the feeling of uncertainty among Christians is a growing tendency among church personnel to request Israeli identity cards, said Lippel.

For the first time in history, the Christian holy places in Jerusalem and Bethlehem will be under different administrations, he noted.

Lippel said he believes that if the Christians had spoken out about Bethlehem as a Christian issue, they would have won greater autonomy for the Church of the Nativity, and greater freedom of movement for the patriarchs of the three leading historic churches.

Hebron remains the big question mark, he said. It would have been better, he said, if the Jewish settlers had developed good relations with the Muslim residents. "I am not sure if there is enough sensitivity on the part of those who want to pray there to see how to work together," he said.

KNESSET

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the maps on a wall and threw eggs at them," quipped one onlooker.

"I saw the maps and saw black or at least yellow," said Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said the maps are difficult to read but added, "It's not really the maps that count; it's the reality, the facts on the ground, which matter."

With the vote expected only today, reporters soon resorted to interviewing each other, exchanging rumors, and checking the state of the coffee in the cafeteria.

Most of the talk centered on whether any other Labor MKs, such as Ma'lot Mayor Shlomo Buhbut or Avi Yehzekel, would turn against their party, and whether the opposition would pull off a trick to sneak through the vote.

Eventually it was agreed the vote would not be held before 9 p.m. to allow ministers to participate in memorial services for the Yom Kippur War dead. The timing also gave Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Labor MK Yael Dayan a chance to return from the US.

Fallen of Yom Kippur War remembered at ceremonies

"WE paid a terrible price for underestimating the strength of our enemies, a terrible price for our overconfidence," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday at the annual memorial for the fallen of the Yom Kippur War at Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem.

"But," he added, "I believe we learned a lesson. Today we are ready for any eventuality."

Also attending were Deputy Knesset Speaker Dov Shilansky, Supreme Court President Aharon Barak, Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, and comrades-in-arms, families, and friends of the fallen.

Rabin told the families of the fallen that the entire nation and IDF stood with them in their mourning.

Dr. Moshe Weiler, who lost his son Adam in the War of Attrition and his son Gideon on the Golan Heights in the Yom Kippur War, spoke on behalf of the bereaved families.

He spoke of the Zionist tradition of service in combat units and of sacrifice, of the world view that values "actions, not just words."

Shahak mentioned the tremendous difficulties at the beginning of the war and the surprise at its outbreak. "The heroism of our soldiers ... not only thwarted the enemy's plans, it also turned the war from our being surprised into our being victorious."

ZION SQUARE

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Rehavim Ze'evi, Rabbi Haim Druckman, and the NRP's Zevulun Hammer, mentioned Yit'ud's Gonen Segen and Alex Goldfarb.

Netanyahu was followed to the podium by Tsomet head Rafael Eitan, and then by David Levy, whose voice was drowned out by sustained boos and shouting.

"Because of you, we're here tonight," one protester shouted out. "You cost us the election."

Levy tried to speak over the crowd, but was unable to do so.

He finally threw up his hands, turned, and left the balcony. Israel Radio reported him as saying the crowd was "incited," and he has "nothing to do with them."

The police top brass, including Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz, monitored the situation from a side balcony and the roof. When Hefetz stepped onto the side balcony, he was also greeted by boos, shouts, and chants of "Police state, police state."

Levi Collins contributed to this report.

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In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 4, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 35 and the winning number was 30. In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning card was the nine of spades, the ace of hearts, the ace of diamonds and the seven of clubs.

CORRECTIONS

The review of books on music on Page 26 of today's *Magazine* was written by Max Stern.

Due to a typographical error in yesterday's tribute to former Hebrew University president Prof. Don Patinkin by Meir Ronnen, the date of the Six Day War's outbreak was printed wrong. The correct date is June 5.

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Biran orders redeployment

ALON PINKAS

THE IDF will begin the initial stages of redeployment in Judea and Samaria early next week, with the dismantling of 14 Civil Administration offices in Samaria, and will evacuate Jenin by mid-November, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran told his senior officers yesterday.

Biran met with his senior officers at the Ammunition Hill memorial in Jerusalem. The officers were briefed on the Oslo 2 agreement

and were handed thick books with the details of the agreement and orders governing redeployment and a batch of maps describing its exact delineation, contours, and timetables.

According to Biran's orders, the main body of redeployment will commence with the evacuation of Jenin. Five other cities will follow in one-week intervals, bringing the completion

of redeployment to late December. Redeployment in and around Hebron will be completed by March.

Meanwhile, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said that the IDF is comfortable with the security arrangements. In a Succot interview with Channel 2, to be aired next week, Shahak said: "We can live with the security arrangements... We are not sharing responsibility or dividing it."

ACRI wants demolition order rescinded

JON IMMANUEL

THE Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) yesterday demanded that a military order to demolish the family homes of two suspected terrorists in Nablus be rescinded.

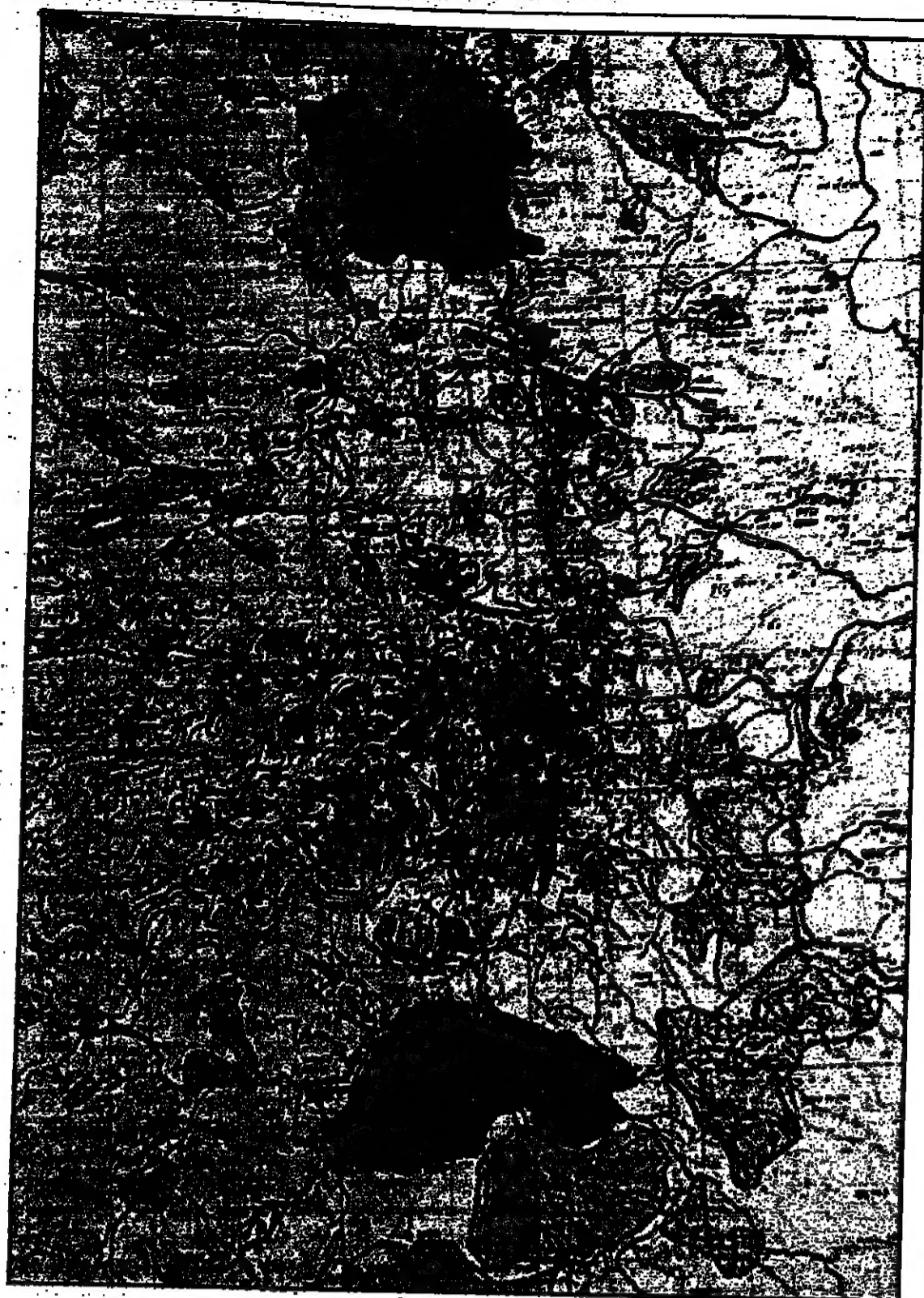
At the same time, the Palestinian civil rights group Al-Haq demanded that the Palestinian Authority perform an autopsy on a man who died in Palestinian Police custody.

ACRI said that demolishing homes of families "punishes only

the innocent. Old people and infants pay the price for an abominable act in which they took no part."

It said the order given on the eve of Yom Kippur does not solve the problem of terror or advance Israel's security.

The order came as a surprise to civil rights observers, since the IDF is scheduled anyway to leave Nablus within the next two months, when security will be turned over to the PA.



This map of the Jerusalem area, part of the Oslo 2 agreement, was displayed at the Knesset yesterday. Jerusalem (center) is bounded by Ramallah (above) and Bethlehem (below), two brown areas designated as part of Area A, which is under total Palestinian control. The yellow areas (Area B) are under Palestinian civil control, with the Palestinian Police maintaining public order. The IDF is permitted to enter Area B to curb terrorism. (Isaac Harari)

Golan mobile exhibition reopens in Katzrin

THE Golan Residents Committee's huge mobile exhibition, whose planned tour of the country was cut short because of a court case, reopened in Katzrin last night.

The display - part of the campaign by the residents committee to keep the Golan under Israeli rule - is to remain at Katzrin until the beginning of winter.

It will then be dismantled, at-

DAVID RUDGE

though the committee hopes to put the exhibition back on the road next spring and take it to towns and cities that were missed when the court case stopped the tour in its tracks.

The reopening of the exhibition was made possible after the High Court of Justice rejected a petition filed by Peace Now de-

manding that the court ban the Golan and Katzrin local councils from contributing funds to the residents' committee and the campaign against any withdrawal from the Golan.

The ruling also lifted a temporary injunction against any funding which had been imposed by the court.

The injunction dried up funds to keep the mobile exhibition.

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Science Ministry chooses two US supercomputers

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Science Ministry has decided to purchase two American supercomputers – one from IBM and the other from Cray – for installation in one or two universities for research purposes.

The US, which for years has refused export licenses for supercomputers – allegedly out of concern that they would be used to produce “simulations of nuclear explosions” – recently dropped its opposition.

It has been possible for Israelis to communicate via modem with supercomputers abroad, but since use time is very limited, such arrangements were not very helpful. The US has mechanisms to monitor use and ensure that the conditions of its export licenses are observed.

“This brings Israel into the second tier of supercomputing nations, after the first tier of the US and Japan, which manufacture them and have hundreds of high-speed processors,” said Dr. Ze’ev Barzilai, who spent 15 years as director of parallel computing at IBM’s Thomas J. Watson Research Center in New York,

and returned home a year ago to become IBM-Israel’s country executive for high performance computers and communication.

Barzilai was a member of the committee appointed by Minister Shulamit Aloni in 1994 to set strategy on establishing computer and computer-communications infrastructure. A separate committee (of which Barzilai was not a member), headed by Prof. Daniel Dolev of the Hebrew University, decided to recommend the purchase of supercomputers from IBM and Cray.

Aloni said yesterday that the two supercomputers – each costing \$2 million to \$4 million – “will help narrow the gap in high-level computing power that Israel needs for its scientific and technological development.”

The Cray supercomputer includes 16 processing units and is able to carry out 3.2 billion calculations per second; the IBM unit, with 64 processing units, can perform over 17 billion calculations per second. The two work very

differently, said Barzilai, thus it is advantageous to have two kinds of supercomputers for a wider variety of uses. The hardware will be in use for several years and additional processing units can be connected, after which the systems can be upgraded.

Ministry Director-General Zvi Yanai said it is “the most important computer decision taken in Israel” since the import – in 1961 – of the Philco computer then regarded as a “giant,” but today having less memory than an ordinary personal organizer.

Barzilai said the two supercomputers, due to arrive soon, will “accelerate the advance of science and technology” and be a boon to the research community.

While Hebrew University computer experts have developed a parallel computer, Barzilai said that it can’t compete with a commercially manufactured supercomputer.

The supercomputers will not only be used for research and applications, but will “train a whole generation in their use,” said Barzilai, who is planning courses at the universities.

IEC to rethink building wind turbines in Galilee

DAVID RUDGE

THE Israel Electric Corporation will apparently be forced to reconsider plans to produce “clean” and cheap electricity from wind turbines.

This follows a decision by the northern region planning and building commission to defer plans by the IEC to establish a wind turbine farm in the Misgav area of the Galilee.

Conservationists and many local residents campaigned against the project, although it represents an environmentally cleaner way of producing electricity than from power stations fueled by coal, heavy fuel oil or gas.

The IEC had proposed erecting 15 wind turbines on a peak near Moshav Yodfat in the Misgav Regional Council area where it had been ascertained that cli-

matic conditions were suitable for such a farm.

According to estimates, the maximum power production capacity of the combined turbines, each measuring around 40 meters in height, would be around 11 megawatts.

The IEC also maintained that the wind turbines were likely to become a tourist attraction, drawing more visitors to the region.

Environmentalists, led by residents of Yodfat and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) argued, however, that a wind turbine farm would destroy the natural scenery of the area, for just a minimal return in terms of electricity

production.

Yohanan Darom, the SPNI’s northern region coordinator of nature and environmental preservation, noted that the region was also designated to become a nature reserve.

On the basis of these reservations, the regional planning and building commission decided to defer the project, he said.

“We are pleased with the decision because we have a small country with only a few areas of open space and peaks which have not been developed for one reason or another and these we need to preserve,” said Darom.

The IEC said yesterday that it would consider the matter in detail once it received an official report on the commission’s decision and findings.



Two men evacuate one of 19 people overcome by smoke during a fire yesterday at a six-story office building on downtown Jerusalem’s Rehov Hasoreg, next to the National Insurance Institute offices. The fire broke out in a lawyer’s office on the fifth floor and forced the closure of several streets until firefighters gained control of the blaze, believed to have been caused by negligence or an electrical problem. Most of the injured were released from the hospital yesterday afternoon. (Brian Hendler)

Bernstein conducting competition begins

HELEN KAYE

THE first annual Leonard Bernstein Jerusalem International Conducting Competition semifinals got under way yesterday in Jerusalem’s Henry Crown Auditorium.

William Eddins from the US led the roster of 17 semifinalists from 12 countries, including three from Israel. The order was determined by lot on Tuesday. The field will narrow to six finalists, who will compete for the title of Leonard Bernstein Jerusalem Laureate on October 11 and 12. The winner or winners will get a \$25,000 prize, as well as lucrative conducting and recording offers.

The winners, if there are more than one, will not be ranked because Bernstein believed that artistry was unrankable. He died in

1990 and former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek suggested the competition to honor the memory of a man “who loved Israel and Jerusalem in particular.”

There is a 16-member international jury representing, among others, the Vienna, New York and Israel philharmonics, the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, and the Tanglewood Music Center, all orchestras closely associated with Bernstein during his career.

The 17 semifinalists were chosen from among 89 candidates who entered the preliminary auditions. They were chosen from 233 applicants.

The orchestra for all concerts is the Jerusalem Symphony and the final stages on October 11 and 12 will be open to the public.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Four hurt in crash

One person was seriously injured and another three were lightly hurt when a car and a truck collided last night at the A-Ram junction, north of Jerusalem. The truck, from Ramallah, was turning left when the car, from Jerusalem, crashed into its right side. (Itm)

Earthquake aid sent to Turkey

Israel last night sent a plane to Turkey with medical supplies and 75 tents to aid victims of the earthquake that hit the southern part of the country earlier this week, the Foreign Ministry announced. The shipment was delayed because of Yom Kippur, the ministry said. Jerusalem Post Staff

Contract awarded for wastewater plant

The Waste Management company will establish Jerusalem’s western wastewater purification plant at a cost of \$45 million, according to an agreement signed yesterday in Mayor Ehud Olmert’s office. The plant, which will take three years to construct near Nahal Sorek, 7 km. from Jerusalem, will provide water for parks and gardens and industrial use. The water will also be used by farmers in the Tzora, Beit Shemesh and internal coastal plain areas. (Itm)

Gunpowder container found in nursery

A soldier from Rehovot, suspected of placing a plastic container full of gunpowder on the grounds of a local nursery school, was arrested yesterday. The container was discovered by the teacher when she arrived for work yesterday morning. (Itm)

After his arrest, the soldier, who lives near the school, admitted placing the container on the school grounds during Yom Kippur as a practical joke. (Itm)

Beersheba bank robbed by unarmed man

A young man armed only with a piece of paper held up the Beersheba branch of Bank Yahav yesterday. He stood quietly in line without attracting attention, and when his turn came, handed the teller a note with the single word “Robbery” on it. (Itm)

The teller gave him NIS 20,000-NIS 30,000, and he walked out of the bank without saying a word. Only then did the teller tell the manager what had happened. (Itm)

Rabin will visit The Event

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Event has generated unbelievable interest, far wider than expected, David Broza, chairman of the organizing committee, said last night while announcing that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would be visiting the English-speaking community gathering at the Wingate Institute on Tuesday afternoon.

Accompanying Rabin will be Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban and Jewish Agency Immigration and Absorption Department head Uri Gordon.

With thousands expected from early morning onward, many will want to see a new Guinness Book of World Records attempt when 50-year-old Steve Kramer will try to execute 100 one-arm push-ups in under 25 minutes.

Also guaranteed to bring the crowds will be Olympic swimmer Dan Kattler’s 200 meter medley display in the Olympic pool at 11:30 a.m. Dan will be representing Israel in Atlanta next year in the butterfly and is looking for a sponsor.

Another highlight will be a rollerblade competition for youngsters 11-20 capable of executing all the compulsory elements.

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Now it is in force

BY this morning the vote on the Israel-PLO interim agreement, known as "Oslo 2," will have most probably taken place. There is no law in Israel which mandates Knesset approval for an agreement with a foreign power or an organization like the PLO. Nor will the moral impact of a government defeat be tested this time around, since the government has a majority. But it would be a welcome development if the Knesset were to now realize that it must legislate procedures for the confirmation of foreign treaties.

It should be noted, too, that what many consider Israel's most fateful move since the establishment of the state has the support in the Knesset of only a flimsy majority. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin contends that a special majority is undemocratic, and that complaints about the lack of a Jewish majority for the current agreement are racist. But most of the leading democracies require special majorities for major moves, especially when such moves involve the relinquishment of land to a foreign power.

Nor can many Israelis feel comfortable with the fact that the fate of the Jewish state is being determined by a minority identified with its bitter adversaries. That Israel's Arabs do not serve in its army is eminently understandable. It is just as understandable that they should not be the decisive factor in determining the state's future.

With Oslo 2 the national course has indeed taken a fateful turn. No matter how the complicated, detailed clauses of the agreement are interpreted, and no matter how they pass the test of implementation on the ground, the overriding fact is that Oslo 2 is a blueprint for the establishment of a Palestinian state on the 1949 armistice lines, perhaps with minor adjustments. This is what the world community has envisioned since 1967 and every Israeli government has resisted with unwavering tenacity. Oslo 2 represents a sea change.

To encourage doubters to vote for the agreement, Rabin yesterday implied it would pave the way for a final treaty in which "Jerusalem plus" would stay under Israeli sovereignty and the Jordan valley would constitute Israel's security border. But it is doubtful that this government, having gone this far, would let solemn promises on Jerusalem get in the way of a final settlement.

That the initiators of the first Oslo agreement, Yair Hirschfeld and Ron Pundak, are now in the process of planning a "solution" for Jerusalem in collaboration with Faisal Hussein does not bode well for the city's future as Israel's undivided capital. Nor does the fact that under Oslo 2, Jerusalem's Arab residents can campaign, vote and run as candidates in the elections for the Palestinian Council.

Rabin has also attempted to convince Knesset members, as he did before the signing of the Gaza-Jericho agreement, that the implementation of the agreement would progress only if the PLO fulfills its provisions faithfully. The most important of these is the commitment to cancel the 28 clauses in the PLO Covenant which negate Israel's legitimacy and call for its destruction.

But by now it should be clear that agreements

have a momentum of their own. Even the most flagrant violations have never been sufficient to "call the whole thing off," as Rabin has threatened many times. The investment of effort, prestige, international approval and national commitment, not to mention the difficulty politicians have admitting error, makes retreat from such pacts virtually impossible. The more deeply the government gets into the Oslo process the less likely it is to retreat from it, regardless of what the PLO does.

Even a superficial look at Oslo 2 and the accompanying maps makes clear that Israel has yielded to pressures to make progress. What began as islands of Palestinian self-rule in the initial IDF maps, became large areas of Palestinian contiguity in which to all intents and purposes the PLO can do as it wishes.

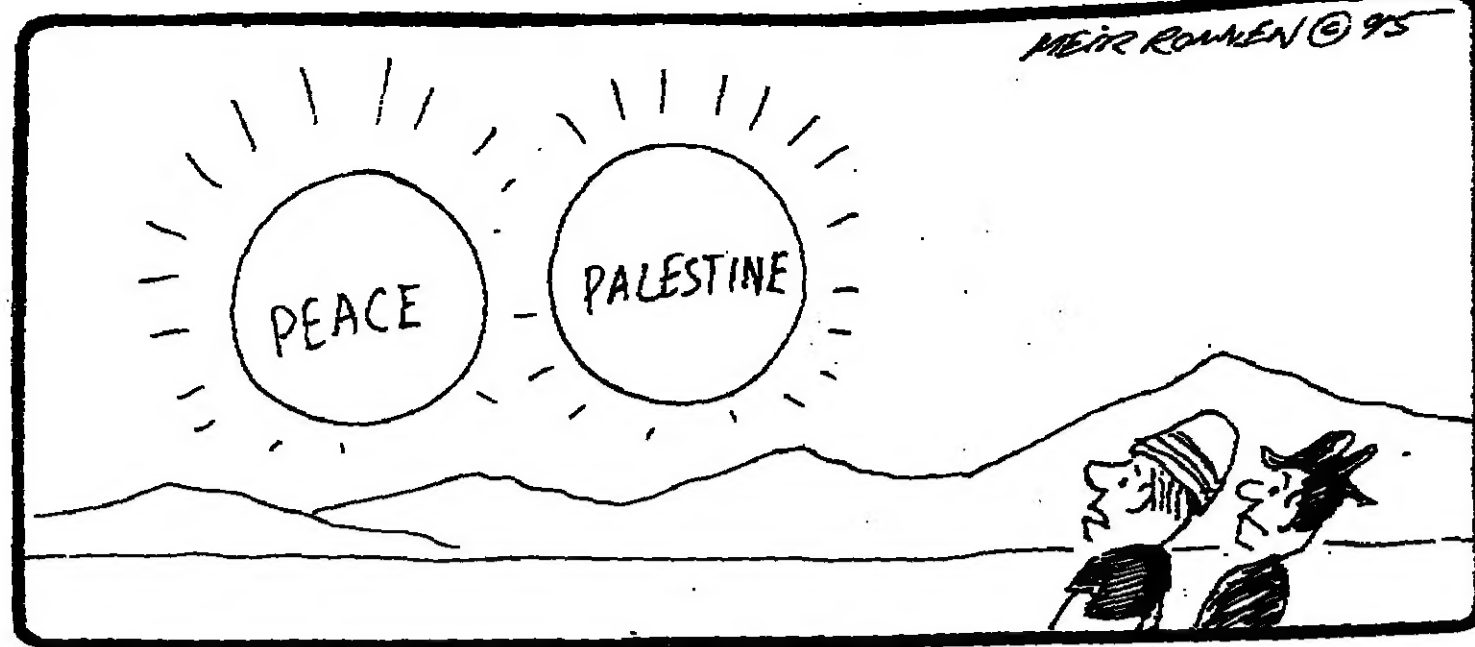
As Peace Watch, the independent monitoring group of the peace process, has pointed out, the provisions contain several substantive points which differ from the previous Israel-PLO agreement. Perhaps the most important is that Oslo 2 sets up two separate governing bodies, one legislative (the Palestinian Council) and one executive (the Executive Council), headed by a "Ra'ees" (president in Arabic) elected without opposition. The Ra'ees has the exclusive right to choose the members of the executive authority. This is a formula for a dictatorship on the Egyptian model, which pays lip service to "democracy" by running an election for a virtually powerless legislature but leaves all power in the hands of the self-appointed president.

In the Gaza-Jericho agreement Israel had a veto power over Palestinian legislation, and the PA duly ignored it, passing laws without the approval of a joint Israeli-Palestinian committee. Now this Israeli veto power has been removed altogether. The Palestinian Council can pass any laws it wishes. And since it will have control, to start with, of more than a third of the area of Judea and Samaria, it can swiftly change the legal, demographic, environmental and strategic facts on the ground with no possibility of Israeli intervention.

Perhaps most disturbing is that the breach of the limit set on the size of the Palestinian army in Gaza has been legitimized in Oslo 2. It can be safely assumed that the current provision, limiting the Palestinian armed forces to a total of 30,000 troops in Gaza and Judea-Samaria will also be ignored, as will the unenforceable limitations on arms. Once Israeli control is removed, there is nothing Israel can do about the transformation of the Palestinian army into a well-equipped force of more than 50,000 men.

This will not be an army which can threaten Israel's existence, but it will be strong enough to ensure that the Israeli army will think twice before pursuing terrorists finding safe haven in Palestinian towns.

Of course, the government does not expect any of these dire developments. Hoping that Yasser Arafat will collaborate in combating terrorists, it has even forfeited the right of extradition. But Israelis can hardly be blamed for doubting the prospects of such collaboration. They have heard such assurances too many times before.



Let us 'rejoice with trembling'

IT was with mixed feelings that I watched the White House signing of Oslo 2 with the Palestinians.

Across my inward eye passed pictures of scores of years of bloody struggle for life in this country, and I was strengthened in the hope that the peace process is leading to an end of the tragic history of the past.

But at the same time, I nursed fears arising from the difficult realities on the ground, and from the dangers that lie ahead.

Unlike many international agreements, this one does not signal the end of the process, because that end is now only a thick compendium of papers.

The agreement just signed is of historic significance. For the first time, Yasser Arafat controls all the Palestinian residents of Judea and Samaria, as well as part of the territory. Israel thus forgoes control of another nation, a situation which brought it moral, political and security problems.

In yielding control, Israel is relinquishing many parts of a homeland to which it has historic rights, and to which our people is linked by deep feelings. This is, therefore, a further phase in the division of the country between two peoples.

From the establishment of the state until the Six Day War, Israel was in a continuous phase of growth and strengthening. But since the Yom Kippur War, through the Lebanon war and the intifada, we have had problems because "Jeshurun waxed fat."

If we want to return to the path of progress and invigoration, there is no alternative but to forgo our control of another people, however painful that process may be.

Minister of the Interior Ehud

CHAIM HERZOG

Barak has rightly classified the new agreement as the great-grandchild of Camp David, though I doubt that Menachem Begin intended the present results. But the autonomy plan the Likud government endorsed in Madrid could not but lead us to where we are, sooner or later.

The signing in Washington and the implementation of the agreement on the ground will make the process with the Palestinians irreversible. And I believe that opposition leaders are subconsciously

to overcome the differences between the two peoples by encouraging common interests and cooperation, and to create coexistence under a joint authority, in the words of the OC Central Command.

However, the realities on the ground are so complex that it isn't at all clear whether the 400 pages of the agreement will be enough to clarify them.

The true proof of the agreement will lie in its application on the ground. Daily friction between the

Many trials still lie before us in this historic and inevitable process

accepting this reality, if their declarations and statements are anything to go by.

And let no one labor under any illusion: Sooner or later, the process could lead to the creation of a Palestinian state. This interim agreement is significant in that it creates the basis of political Palestinian independence, for good or bad. Not even the idea of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation can now be advanced without having as its basis two independent countries.

JUDGING by what has been published, the agreement is a very sophisticated compromise between opposing interests, against the background of a highly involved reality.

In handing almost entire control of the Palestinian population in Judea and Samaria to Arafat, it leaves control of most of the territory in Israel's hands. It endeavors

Palestinian and Jewish populations will continue despite the bypass roads, and on both sides are many who will attempt to upset the process.

The keys to the agreement's success will be the control of terror, and the creation of a solid economic basis in the territories. Judging by developments in Gaza - which are positive in many ways - it is possible that Arafat can face up to this test. There is no doubt that his success in the elections will strengthen him very considerably, internally and externally.

But increased friction between Jews and Arabs makes the mission in Judea and Samaria far more difficult than in Gaza. Murderous terrorist activities, should they occur, would endanger the tender plant of Israeli-Palestinian peace and, no less important, undermine Israeli public support for the process.

This is the main cloud hovering over us. If Arafat cannot control Arab terror, Israel could well feel it has no option but to take security action even in areas under Palestinian control.

We now face the more difficult and decisive phase of the final agreement with the Palestinians. On many occasions I have expressed the view that Israel must outline the final arrangement for itself. It must draw now the red lines beyond which it will not go in the final negotiations. It may well be that this is indeed being done - but I saw no evidence of it in those sections of the agreement which have so far been published.

It is difficult to find any special reference to the area of the Jordan Valley, the Etzion Bloc, the Jerusalem Corridor, and the area along the Green Line. Moreover, Jerusalem Arabs will vote and be elected to the autonomy council, and will thus be somewhat subject to Arafat's authority.

Whatever we hand over to the Palestinians now cannot be recovered. We should be more careful with the cards in our hands as we move toward the final agreement.

As I contemplate this agreement, I recall the words from Psalm - "Rejoice with trembling" - that David Ben-Gurion uttered on the occasion of the Declaration of the establishment of the State of Israel. Ben-Gurion's joy was tempered by fear and concern in the light of the impending War of Independence.

This approach seems valid today. We have to accept the process as historic and inevitable, but understand that, at the same time, many trials lie before us.

The writer was Israel's sixth president.

The need to have a look at Area C

MARK A. HELLER

ALTHOUGH the institutional foundations of Israel were laid by the early Zionist pioneers, the Jewish national entity did not become a viable enterprise until the large-scale immigration of the early 1930s. But once the Yishuv reached critical mass, the relations of forces with the Arab world ensured that unconditional victory by either side was impossible, and that the "Palestine question" could be solved, if at all, only through partition.

However, it was not until the Declaration of Principles in 1993 that the belligerents simultaneously accepted the logic of partition.

The Declaration of Principles lists a number of permanent-status issues to be negotiated, but one of them - borders - largely subsumes most of the others, including Jerusalem and the disposition of the settlements. The ultimate objective of all the negotiations since then has been to determine whether or not peace based on a mutually agreeable division of territory is possible. Israel's government has insisted on moving gradually toward this objective, partly in order to test the other side and build mutual confidence, but largely because of its judgment that the Israeli public was and is not yet ready for the sweeping territorial concessions implied by a permanent-status agreement.

While this approach has helped moderate domestic resistance, it is a cause of concern even among those who, like this writer, in principle support the process and territorial compromise. This is because it contains a significant risk: that each incremental concession during the interim period will produce nothing but a base-line for Palestinian demands in the next round, and that if Israeli and Palestinian positions on final borders eventually prove irreconcilable, Israel

will find itself left with far fewer assets, but still no peace agreement.

In Stage I of the process, the risk was minimal because Israel conceded only the town of Jericho and those parts of the Gaza Strip so troublesome that it was probably worthwhile getting rid of them anyway.

But Stage II is a much more serious matter, involving large areas which about Israel's major population centers and, for good measure, resonate more sharply in the historical-religious sense. Since the

renewal for Hebron) - and from Area B, which contains most of the other Arab towns and villages.

THE MAPS shown to the Knesset indicate that Area C, which Israel will continue to control, constitutes the bulk of the West Bank. However, Israel is committed to undertake three "further redeployments" in Area C, at six-month intervals after the inauguration of the Palestinian Council, which will encompass everything "except for the issues of permanent-status negotiations."

There will be more chance for compromise if Israel states its position while it still has something to trade

territorial dimension of Oslo 2 is so critical, Speaker Shevah Weiss postponed the Knesset debate on the agreement for a few hours so that members could have a look at the maps.

But while the speaker properly took account of the Knesset's right to inform itself about the subject of its vote, he could not provide the one piece of information most essential to any evaluation of this agreement: What territory will Israel still control at the end of 1997?

The reason for this uncertainty is that the full extent of Israeli redeployment within the framework of Oslo 2 has not been announced, and may not even have been decided yet.

Before the Palestinian elections are held, probably next April, Israel will withdraw from Area A - six of the seven largest cities in the West Bank (there is a special ar-

This schedule may prove to be no more binding than the many deadlines and target-dates missed in the past. But if it is implemented, Area C will look different 18 months after the elections than it does now. But how different?

No one knows - or at least, no one is saying. Since the interim agreement doesn't indicate that these redeployments are to be negotiated, it is arguable that they are to be decided unilaterally by Israel, and this leaves some room for flexibility.

However, the wording also suggests that the government has already decided to redeploy to its red line, remaining only in those areas it intends to become part of Israel in a permanent-status agreement. If this is, indeed, the government's strategy, then it is profoundly misguided.

Whatever Israel's minimal territorial position may be - and it will

almost certainly include much of the area around Jerusalem, most or all of the Jordan Valley, the Etzion Bloc, and the major settlement blocs in western Samaria - the challenge is not to impose it unilaterally. Israel has the military capacity to hold these areas, and much more. Instead, the problem is to get Palestinian agreement and legitimization of these borders.

This will be difficult in any case, since the Palestinians (like Syria) are publicly insisting on nothing less than the lines of June 4, 1967.

But there is a better chance for compromise if Israel sets out its position while it still has something to trade, while it still has something to offer the Palestinians in exchange for their acceptance of Israeli requirements.

Once Israel has already conceded everything beyond its minimal position, the Palestinians will have no incentive at all to go further and convert an interim agreement into a full-fledged peace.

Perhaps the two sides' final positions on borders are so far apart that we are headed for a stalemate anyway. If so, there may still be some value in advancing the process of separation before interim arrangements assume the character of informal permanency.

But whether the outcome is ultimately stalemate or a peace treaty, it is better to find out before Israel makes further large-scale withdrawals, rather than after.

In other words, the government's own purposes and the public's ability to make a reasoned judgment would be best served if negotiations on permanent borders begin immediately, before "further redeployments" make them irrelevant.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DISSENTING ANGLOS

Sir, - In its attempt to marginalize and alienate all Israelis who disagree with its policies, our government has recently turned its attention to immigrants from English-speaking countries, otherwise known here as Anglo-Saxons or Anglos. In response to opposition to its policies from the majority of Anglos and the lead role taken by many Anglos in organizing such opposition, our government has been insinuating that the views of dissenting Anglos are somehow less legitimate than those of other Israelis. Apparently, the basis for such insinuations includes, among other things, rivalries such as English-accented Hebrew which our foreign minister has suddenly been taking note of.

The attention our government has given such dissenting Anglos stems not only from their opposition to the so-called "peace process," but from the vocal stand they take for Zionism and democracy.

They are idealists, proud of their Jewish identity, and made aliyah by choice. They believe that national pride, strength and courage are the keys to building a great and secure country.

Dissenting Anglos have not forgotten the lessons in democracy and national pride that they learned in their countries of origin. They believe that people have the right to disagree with their government, to demonstrate against it and even to be loud about it. They recognize a betrayal of country by government when they see it and know when democratic rights are being violated.

Dissenting Anglos believe that the vast majority of Israelis share

MOSLEM MARTYRS

Sir, - In his story of August 27 on the killing of two wanted Hamas gunmen by the IDF, Alon Pinkas writes that the relatives of one of them "danced and played musical instruments when they heard of his death." He then quotes the mother as saying, "Honor has entered my house, I am awaiting official news my son is a martyr." This is in keeping with the Moslem belief that such "martyrs" instantly go to heaven and receive all the joys of paradise.

In the 1889 Moslem revolt against British rule in Kashmir, the rebels resorted to suicide attack as holy missions which assured the perpetrators' admission to the heavenly Moslem paradise. The British gathered the remnants of the bodies of the suicides, wrapped them in pigskin and buried them. As the bodies were defiled by contact with the swine, they were unfit for entry into heaven as their religious leaders had promised them. The suicide attacks ceased immediately!

Israel might successfully achieve a similar goal.

HERSCHEL AUERBACH

Las Vegas, Nevada.

POLLARD STATEMENT

Sir, - A critical component of Jonathan Pollard's statement to me in reaction to the suggestion, floated in Israel and the US, that he be included in a deal in which Israel would release female terrorists, was deleted from the article which appeared in yesterday's edition of *The Jerusalem Post*. As reported, Jonathan would never have suggested that his freedom be purchased with the release of murderers of Jews.

And Jonathan also wanted it known that he did not feel President Weizman should be pressured on Jonathan's account to release these terrorists.

However, what was left out of the article was the following crucial point: Jonathan is adamant that if Israel decides for its own reasons to release these terrorists as part of the Oslo process, which the US government is encouraging and feels it will benefit from, then, in such a case, Israel must insist and receive firm guarantees from the US government that Jonathan will also be released as part of such an arrangement.

DAVID KRISHENBAUM

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THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Sir, - A new dimension has been added to the office of president. Not only is President Ezer Weizman shaking the hands of VIPs and diplomats, but he is also shaking up the government leadership by reflecting the true sentiments of the majority of Israel's citizens.

President Weizman is to be commended for his initiative and honesty.

CHAIM TEPPER

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Rabin in a royal rage

YOSEF GOELL

ATTEMPTS were made to excuse Yitzhak Rabin's venomous attack on leaders of the American Jewish community last week as impulsive. But there is every indication that the attacks were deliberate.

Rabin frequently lets fly contemptuously at his opponents. But when he needs to be restrained himself, and he has proved it — as for example, with Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who has frequently provoked him.

Rabin castigated the Jewish leaders for having dared actively to oppose his policies on negotiations with the Palestinians. At the same time, he raked them over the coals for failing to keep up the flow of cash at the rate to which Israel has grown accustomed.

It is hard to believe that an Israeli prime minister could be so obtuse as to fail to connect the two phenomena. But obtuseness is the best word to describe Rabin's attitude to the Diaspora communities ever since he was named ambassador to the US in 1968.

For those Israelis and their Diaspora supporters who are either on the left or right extremes, the dispute over the peace process is a millennial conflict between the forces of Light and those of Darkness. In such a perception, those arrayed against us aren't merely wrong; they are evil incarnate.

For the vast majority of the rest of us, the issues in question are extremely complex, and the dispute is a very legitimate one between people with different inter-

pretations of the realities confronting us. On such issues, democratic leadership must depend on persuasion, rather than on a demand to toe the line loyally because the leader has so decreed.

EVEN IN democracies, elected leaders are entitled to demand and receive a modicum of trust to permit them to implement their proposed solutions to complex prob-

Obtuseness is the best word to describe Rabin's attitude to Diaspora Jews

lems. Rabin was given more than his share of blind trust at the outset of the process.

But the public's readiness to extend that trust further, despite the contrary evidence of reality, has by now worn thin.

One of Rabin's faithful acolytes, Police Minister Moshe Shahal, said this week: "The prime minister has a map in his head. I am calm and confident."

That may have been fine for a good part of the public three years ago, and it perhaps mainly explains the more than 70 percent public support for the process with the PLO in October 1993. But it simply won't wash in October 1995, after so many facts on the ground have confounded Rabin's

original assumptions regarding the calculated risk he was taking.

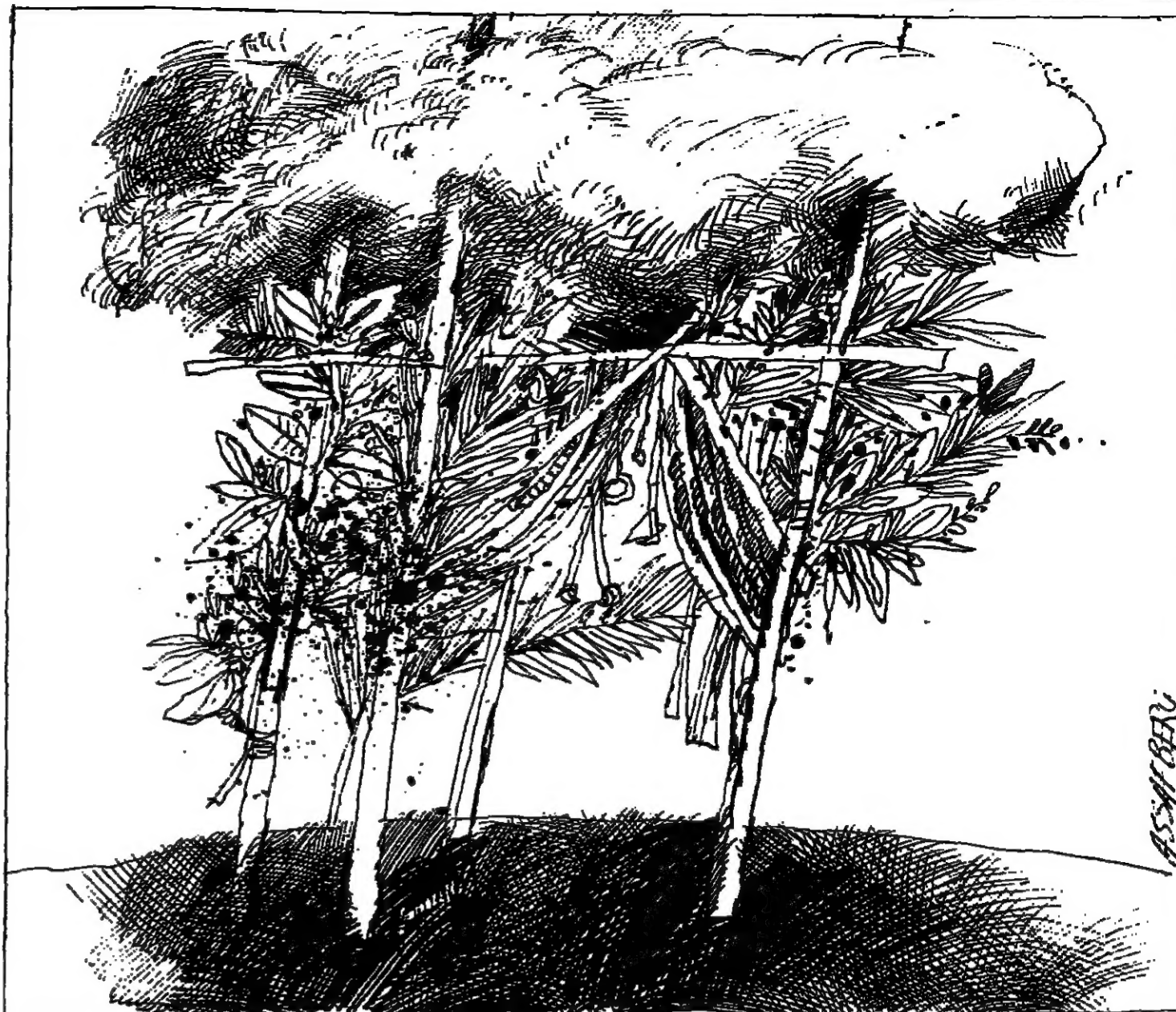
It will wash even less with Diaspora Jews, who are not, like Shalom, politically beholden to Rabin. At the psychological level, Rabin's diatribe against the American Jewish leadership could perhaps best be explained in terms of "Jupiter rages: Jupiter is wrong."

For Rabin himself has been the most trenchant critic of everything that went wrong with the original Oslo agreements, and he seems to be as fully aware of the gigantic gaps between what he set out to achieve in the interim agreements and what his negotiators brought back from Taba.

Seen in a broader context, Rabin's attacks on US Jewry and his perverse choice of enemies is even more problematic. In the context of the real problems confronting the Jewish people today, an Israeli prime minister should have confronted American Jewish leaders with proposals for what Israel could contribute to Jewish survival in the Diaspora, rather than counting the millions contributed to Israel.

Perhaps, even more ominously, Rabin's choice of priorities reflects a sentiment recently expressed by Yossi Beilin, who predicted that the price Israel paid for peace would be not only in territory ceded, but also in the weakening of the affinity between Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

The writer comments on public affairs.



Succot and the 'clouds of glory'

JONATHAN BLASS

AN image traditionally evoked by the Succot holiday is that of the Jewish nation, dwelling in the wilderness, sheltered in enveloping "clouds of glory."

It is a vision of Israel as an indivisible and organic whole, a people evolving within a shared spiritual cocoon represented each year anew by the succa. Jewish unity is implicit also in the lulav, where the union of the four species, paralleling the unity of the organs of the human body, is seen as an expression of the unity of diverse elements within Israel (*Vayikra Raba* 30).

But many people feel that, this year, Jewish unity is nothing more than an empty slogan. They see it as irrevocably shattered by the callousness of those Jews who have entrusted the security of their brothers to the "good will" of PLO terrorists.

They feel it has been abandoned by a government that, insufficiently moved to register even a symbolic protest over the murder of Jewish settlers and unwilling to insist on the extradition of murderers, is pressuring President Weizman to release other murderers.

They feel that the concept of Jewish unity has been mocked by the immoderate use of violence against Jewish demonstrators, resulting in the hospitalization of elderly men and women.

Is the succa of Jewish unity still standing? The answer in the most absolute sense is — yes. It is as immutable as the commandments themselves.

The unity of Israel means that the nation is not a conglomerate of individuals or families artificial-

ly bound together by economics, culture or experience, but a single natural whole.

Assessing ourselves not in terms of partisan politics, not in terms of "us" and "them," but in terms of a national identity that includes all the strengths and failings displayed by any part of the nation is its entirety.

That nation is moved by conflicting tendencies. It is still unsure

On the other hand, its commitment to its land inspires it to unrivaled heroism — the daily selflessness of IDF soldiers along the northern border, the aliyah of Ethiopian Jewry, the young families that are strengthening the settlements of Judea, Samaria and Gaza in surprising numbers, even as those communities are threatened.

The doubts, the flight from nationhood, the attachment to the land, the courage, are all compo-

Jewish unity is as immutable as the commandments themselves

of its national purpose and the meaning of its reemergence on the historical stage. It is struggling to understand why nationhood and its trappings have moral significance.

On the one hand, it is willing to renounce territory, the flag, the national anthem as unrelated to transcendent truths — witness Yitzhak Rabin's latest declaration that the Bible isn't a deed to property, but a set of values. It is even uncertain that living in the Land of Israel is essential to a full Jewish existence. The continuation of Jewish communal life in the Diaspora at- tests to this.

nents of a single process, the nation's maturing into an understanding of its own identity.

BUT SUCCOT does more than indicate that the Jewish nation should be recognized as a single whole. It explains the reason why. It was the "clouds of glory" that defined the nascent Jewish People in the desert. They still do.

Israel, in its totality, has been, from its inception, the national embodiment of a single transcendent idea, that of the revelation at Sinai and God's continued ties to man and the physical universe.

The entire history of the Jewish People is the history of that single idea.

But a clearer perception and deeper understanding of that idea is necessary if Israel's fundamental unity is to be given political and social expression. And here is where Rabin's interpretation of the Bible as a collection of values falls most miserably.

What makes those values particularly Jewish? They clearly do not insist on an allegiance to the Land of Israel. Does their acceptance imply observance of Shabbat or kosher? How are they different from Christian or general Western values?

What Rabin refers to as "values," essentially the seven Noahide obligations, are the elementary ethical commitments expected of any "good" person, and cannot serve as the basis for a distinct and vital Jewish nationalism.

We must look higher. Gazing upward at the leaves and branches that form the roof of the succa, we should try to glimpse the "clouds of glory" that have never left us, and recognize the Jewish transcendental truths that continue to make us one.

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Jihad of peaceful struggle

WALID AWAD

ISRAELI right-wing politicians have systematically indulged in a character assassination campaign directed at Yasser Arafat, and consequently against the Palestinian people.

They take every opportunity, use any occasion, misrepresent any action, twist the difference in cultures, attitudes, and situations to achieve their aim of destroying the negotiations, and persuading the American Congress to outlaw contacts between the administration and the Palestinian Authority.

No one expects the opposition to the peace process to disappear, either from the Israeli or the Palestinian side. However, there is a fundamental difference between the Israeli and Palestinian opposition.

On the Israeli side, the opposition comes from the top, from parties which, given the chance, would kill the peace process or make its progress very difficult, taking the whole area back to before hopes for peace existed.

Palestinian opposition comes from a minority, support for which is diminishing among Palestinian people day by day. The desperate actions of that minority stem from its inability to stop the peace process. It thus concentrates on hitting the raw nerve in Israeli society, giving the right the ammunition it needs to undermine the current government and stop the peace process.

This Palestinian opposition can easily be rendered ineffective, and it will be quietly overcome. The more the peace process gains ground, the smaller the opposition becomes.

TO PUT some of the recent controversial issues in perspective, particularly President Arafat's reference to the agreement between

the tribe of Quraysh and Muslims led by the Prophet Mohammed, cited by many on the Israeli right as revealing Arafat's true intentions, it must be clarified that the Quraysh abrogated the agreement, and not Mohammed.

Furthermore, the Quraysh were the stronger party. They dictated the terms. Any claim that Mohammed did not respect the agreement is simply not true. Furthermore, there is no symmetry between that situation and what the Palestinians

Israel's right twists Arafat's words and misrepresents his actions

and Israelis are now trying to achieve.

As for Arafat's speeches allegedly inciting jihad, right-wing Israeli elements are bent on exploiting his use of the word by taking it out of context.

Here three points must be made clear:

- A large proportion of Palestinian people cannot understand the lengthy process required to achieve the objectives of the Oslo agreement. What they see on a daily basis is the same old thing — closures, Palestinians killed by soldiers, houses still being demolished, curfews, prisoners not being released. This makes it very difficult to induce substantial changes in attitudes. With time and tangible progress, however, this change will be made.

Under these circumstances, Arafat is impelled to use language designed to soothe the anger of his constituents. His speeches, though as they may seem, are addressed to his supporters, to those who put their trust in him, the protectors of the current peace process and the Oslo accord. These speeches are being deliberately misconstrued to damage the peace process.

- The word jihad is not a euphemism for violence. It is a concept which carries different meanings, depending on the context in which it is used. A man can be described as practicing jihad if he is trying to provide for his family. The concept Arafat refers to in his speeches is the jihad of peaceful struggle for Palestinian rights.

- Focusing on the extreme interpretation of the concept of jihad is easy because of the preconceptions in the West about Islam. Stereotyping and issuing sweeping condemnations in the absence of real understanding of the concept of jihad is a gross injustice to Muslims and to Islam.

Arafat's deeds speak louder than his words. In Gaza — and in less than a year — a substantial leap was achieved against all odds. The Oslo 2 agreement will witness fundamental changes in favor of both peoples. Right-wing Israeli leaders will not be given the chance to derail the peace process.

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Maverick Zissman ready for a divorce from Labor

Politics is not an insurance policy, says MK Emanuel Zissman, as he prepares to vote against his own party. Liat Collins reports

MK Emanuel Zissman grips the steering wheel and stares straight ahead as he drives along the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. There are no political stickers on his car, nothing saying "The People With the Golan" or "Judea and Samaria are Here." As we approach the Latrun interchange, he asks: "Will there be Palestinian police here?"

It seems inaccurate to describe Zissman as a Labor member of the Knesset. Although an elected representative of the party, he knows that he has reached the end of the road with Labor. "We're not divorced, but we've definitely separated. But then I know even separated couples who remain on good terms."

It is Monday night. He is traveling to a Labor faction meeting with the prime minister at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv. Rabin has called the meeting to calm Labor MKs who are concerned about the Oslo 2 accord on which they are scheduled to vote. Zissman has announced he will vote against the accord.

Rabin and Labor ministers are going through the motions of persuading him to stick to the party's new line, but they realize that Zissman will refuse to budge. When Zissman misses the start of the faction meeting because of a traffic jam, it is not a Labor colleague who calls on the car phone to ask where he is but a television journalist who needs to capture his entrance on film in time for the evening news.

"I have a terrible feeling about this meeting," Zissman admits. "I have been with Labor longer than Rabin. I've been with Labor since it was founded in 1968. Rabin was still in the army then."

"I supported Oslo 1. I support autonomy for the Palestinians, and I support peace and territorial compromise for peace. But Oslo 2 has elements of the permanent accords and I think we have given up essential assets which should be in our hands for the final talks. Either we should have given less now or brought forward the final negotiations," he says.

"It's not easy for me to press the button and vote against the government. I know what it means, but I have to take a stand

against the Oslo 2 accord and just hope there will be changes in the future. Unfortunately, the Israeli negotiators have ignored the fact that the Palestinians haven't abided by Oslo 1. What will happen if the other side continues to violate the accord?"

HIS SPEECH is full of buzzwords of the Third Way, a movement expected to run as a party in the next elections. He notes how many of the terms also appear in the Labor Party platform. Clearly it is important for Zissman to show that it is not his opinions that have changed but the party's stand. It is a painful realization for the 60-year-old politician who has spent nearly half his life with the party.

Now, when he uses the term "we" he means Labor hawks and Third Way members; "they" refers to Labor Party doves, as well as the opposition.

"We're in favor of the division of Judea and Samaria but believe we have a historical right to the Land of Israel," he says with the readiness of someone reciting campaign catchphrases. The "we" refers to the Third Way. "I'm still closer to the Labor Party than the Likud. There is a huge difference between the Likud and us. They're against territorial compromise. We're not. We stick to Labor Party principles."

He has supported Rabin, and also supported Shimon Peres when he led the party. "I feel ideologically close to Rabin," he says. "[But] I feel that he has pulled back from his beliefs. I believe we have created the foundation of an independent Palestinian state. The Labor Party always ruled this out."

Zissman is not alone. His name almost always follows that of Labor MK and Third Way member Avigdor Kahalani. Both got extensive media coverage during their campaign to pass a bill calling for a special majority in a public referendum to approve any territorial concessions on the Golan Heights. The bill narrowly failed.

"There are several Labor MKs who support the same stand. The point is not just stating your opinion, but fighting to realize it," he says. Asked whether he feels his colleagues have left him and Ka-



Zissman: 'It's not easy for me to ... vote against the government... but I have to ... against Oslo 2.' (Azriel Jerusalem)

halani to fight their battles for them. Zissman sighs and says diplomatically: "You have to ask them about it. Everyone has his own conscience, opinions and fighting ability. But I have no doubt that I'm not alone. Even cabinet members have opposed the accords - [Religious Affairs Minister] Shimon Shetreet, [Health Minister] Ephraim Sneh, [Industry and Trade Minister] Micha Harish."

THERE HAS always been an ideological struggle within the Labor Party, he notes. "There was always a majority for the middle way and a small but very vocal minority making up the dovish circles. [The minority] has moved to the center. But without that middle way, the party wouldn't have won the last elections."

"I will not surrender my mandate, because I was elected in primaries on the basis of my opinions and I am obliged to fight for them," Zissman says. Despite

the split, he is still treated warmly within the party and receives many telephone calls and letters of support from the general public. "Even people who don't agree with me have expressed admiration for my stand."

He gives the impression of being a politician acting genuinely out of principles, but like the rest of his colleagues he is not averse to publicity.

Observers note that Zissman has nothing to lose by splitting from Labor as he is unlikely to get a realistic slot on the party's list in the next elections anyway. In 1992, he received his Knesset seat on the strength of one vote. The local Jerusalem weekly *Kol Ha'ir* ran an article at the time headlined: "The End of Emanuel Zissman's Political Career."

The fame Zissman has enjoyed in recent months has invigorated him. Instead of tiring of the fight, Zissman says the battles give him strength. "These struggles have given me life and the will to accomplish things."

Zissman is not photogenic, telegenic or good at producing soundbites. He lacks the charisma of Kahalani. He is not readily identified by the man in the street. Indeed, the former insurance company director looks extraordinarily ordinary. He looks younger than his 60 years, perhaps because he reminds one of a schoolboy concentrating hard to

keep his shirt tucked in, to stop his socks from rolling down, and to keep his hands out of his pockets.

BUT HE rejects the suggestion he is still largely unknown by the general public. "You [the press] said the same thing about me two years ago. And I've not been anonymous for two years. In fact

I was never anonymous in Jerusalem. For 24 years I was one of the central people in Jerusalem with a certain status. I was Teddy Kollek's coalition chairman and I held different party positions, including regional secretary, and positions on the city council."

"But I have always been a 'man of Jerusalem.' And today, too, my identity card is Jerusalem. This is my greatest red line. We need to ensure the unity not only of Jerusalem, the capital, under Israeli sovereignty but also of Greater Jerusalem, that is Jerusalem and the surrounding area: Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Ze'ev, Betar and Gush Etzion. They must be geographically and territorially linked to the Jerusalem metropolis."

Although best known for his stand on Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, he is proudest of his achievements as chairman of the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee and as a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, where he makes his views heard.

"I'm proud to have principles and to believe in consistency and decency in politics," he says.

With a year to go to the elections, his principles are going to be tested to the utmost. An unlikely Labor candidate at the moment, Zissman's political future depends on a series of "ifs" - if the Third Way becomes a party; if it passes the electoral threshold; if his name is high enough on the list to get him a seat.

Should all this come about, he believes he will be able to influence the permanent arrangements with the Palestinians as a member of the Third Way, balancing out the pull of Meretz and Labor doves.

And what if he doesn't get elected?

"I have other things I can do. Politics is not an insurance policy," he says.

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Oslo 2 maps lay groundwork for return to '67 borders

The accord weakens the state's position in upcoming final-status talks, Dore Gold comments

It is now clear why the map of Oslo 2 was unavailable to the Israeli public until right before the Knesset vote. For Oslo 2 represents a major shift in Israeli thinking about its territorial requirements in the West Bank and points in the direction of an eventual pullout from all the territories - if the agreement is actually implemented in full.

For months it was known that in the text of the Oslo 2 agreement the West Bank would be divided into three zones: Area A (the urban regions where the PLO would enjoy full territorial control and full security control); Area B (the village areas where the PLO would have territorial control, but only a partial security role in public order - internal security against terrorism was left for Israel); and Area C (the uninhabited rural parts of the West Bank whose status had not yet been determined).

What the maps now indicate is that in the Taba negotiations the PLO managed to turn Area B from little yellow dots over most of the West Bank's Arab villages to large yellow tracts of land covering a significant portion of the crest of the West Bank hill ridge. As a result, many bypass roads for settlers cut through Palestinian territory.

But what is even more startling is the location of the Area B villages: Palestinian negotiators succeeded in securing a territorial foothold in critical parts of the West Bank that most governments in the past had hoped eventually to annex to Israel.

Taking into account long-term strategies to avoid a full withdrawal to the 1967 borders as well as to secure Greater Jerusalem, settlement blocs and the Jordan Rift Valley, the PLO achieved a pattern of territorial control that will make the achievement of these goals extremely difficult in final status negotiations.

Return to the 1967 lines: The idea that the Rabin government was considering a full withdrawal to the 1967 lines first was raised by analysts when it was announced that Kalkiya and Tulkarm would be among the Palestinian cities in the West Bank from which the IDF was to redeploy. But these still could have been exceptions to a broader eventual Israeli annexation seven to 10 km in from the Green Line.

According to the Oslo 2 map, many smaller Palestinian villages next to the Green Line already come under Palestinian territorial control in the first phase of redeployment: for example, Palmas right across from Kachaf Ya'ir; Kibya and Budrus in the Modi'in area; and Beit Sira across from Maccabim.

The village of Shuweika, directly north of Tulkarm on the Green Line, will have a Palestinian police station. Northern Area B villages, like Barta'a, are right next to Wadi Ara. Other Area B



Opposition MKs David Menuhin (Likud) and Rafael Eitan (Tzomet) yesterday study the maps detailing territorial concessions in the Oslo 2 accord.

(Issac Harari)

villages are situated on the strategic Iron Hills, from which the Jordanians expelled Ramat David's base in the 1967 war.

It must be stressed that, on the declaratory level, the Rabin government opposes a full withdrawal to the 1967 lines.

But how Israel eventually annexes areas right next to the Green Line, in which there are villages where the PLO enjoys full territorial control of state lands and a police presence, is extremely difficult to answer.

Breaking Up Greater Jerusalem: When he presented his new government before the Knesset on July 13, 1992, Prime Minister Rabin stated that he intended to "strengthen Jewish settlement along the confrontation lines and in Greater Jerusalem."

Thus holding on to an area around the municipal borders of Jerusalem was part of the Rabin government's long-stated policy. Indeed, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer committed himself in 1995 to constructing 3,662 new housing units in the Greater Jerusalem area.

The map of Oslo 2 could put an

end to Greater Jerusalem. In the Taba negotiations, an enormous Area B was formed southeast of Jerusalem extending from just beyond Beit Sahr (which is part of Bethlehem's Area A) northward to Eizariya, which overlooks the Jerusalem-Ma'aleh Adumim highway from the south.

On the northern side of the

ivies.

With no major Jewish neighborhoods standing in its path, this could give the PLO eventual access to the Old City from its areas of control in the West Bank. Significantly, the official maps do not demarcate the municipal borders of Jerusalem - perhaps because they are not accepted by the Palestinian side.

Two post offices specified in the text of the treaty are on the Mount of Olives and within the Jaffa Gate in the Old City walls. In short, Israel's position going into final status negotiations on Jerusalem in 1996 has been weakened by this agreement.

Preventing the Formation of Israeli Settlement Blocs

Oslo 2 may spell the end of Greater Jerusalem. Rabin is now referring to 'Jerusalem-plus.'

highway, another Palestinian village was given Area B status, so that both sides of this vital axis of movement contain areas of Palestinian territorial control.

The large bloc created to Jerusalem's southeast could present serious problems in the future, for it would give the PLO territorial continuity from Bethlehem to the eastern approaches to Jerusalem, where there are large Palestinian neighborhoods like Ras al-Amud and the Mount of Ol-

It is also noticeable that in his recent statements Rabin has completely dropped the term of Greater Jerusalem for a new expression: Jerusalem-plus.

Oslo 2 has already pierced Israel's hold on Jerusalem in one other important way. Rather than having absentee ballots for East Jerusalem Palestinians or having them vote in Ramallah, Oslo 2 allows them to vote in ballot boxes within Israeli post offices in the city.

Palestinian negotiators skillfully put Palestinian villages that surround major settlements under Area B. For example, Ariel is surrounded by the villages of Marda, Iskaka, Salfit and Hiris, in which the PLO will enjoy territorial control. It becomes far more difficult, under these conditions, to create a finger extending out to Ariel from the Green Line that would include a large bloc of Israeli settlements in western Samaria. Moreover, many of these

Area B villages sit right over the Trans-Samaria highway, making an exclusively Israeli security zone in this region even more difficult.

Another critical area affected by the layout of Area B villages is the Jerusalem corridor. Its expansion had been an axiom of Labor and Likud governments since 1967. Now the Beit Horon highway, the second route to Jerusalem from Ben Shimon to Ramat, will be covered with areas of Palestinian control: the villages of Beit Surik and Katanna surround Har Adar, while even Beit Iksa, right next to the Jerusalem suburb of Ramat, is within Area B.

Oslo 2 keeps Gush Etzion intact, but important villages that separate this settlement bloc from Jerusalem fall under Palestinian control: Battir, Husan, Nahlin and El-Khader. The map of the agreement, however, delimits the possible extent of the Gush. Tekoa is separated by many Area B villages, including Tulkarm, which will have its own Palestinian police station. Wadi Nis, which enjoyed many ties to Efrat, will come under Area B as well.

In the Jordan Rift Valley, which the original Allon Plan was mainly concerned with, the Palestinians managed to gain five small, but nonetheless critical, footholds. The PLO obtained two villages in the northern Jordan Valley right next to Meholat Bardallah and Tel al-Bidat. Many published Israeli plans for territorial compromise stress the importance of this zone, known as Mitzvei Haberech, that commands the highway from Beit She'an to the central Jordan Valley; it also controls the main invasion route used in the past by Iraqi expeditionary forces coming from northern Jordan via Irbid.

In the central Jordan Rift Valley, the PLO obtained two other small places - Zubeidat and Marj an-Naja - that are located next to Argaman. Another village, Al-Fasayil, is situated just north of the Jericho area, near Tomer. Indeed, Article XXXI, Paragraph 14 of Oslo 2 hints at the possibility of a future major Israeli concession in the central Jordan Valley.

"While the Jiftik area will come under the functional and personal jurisdiction of the [Palestinian] Council in the first phase of redeployment, the area's transfer to the territorial jurisdiction of the council will be considered by the Israeli side in the first phase of the further redeployment phases."

In short, when Israel begins to transfer Area C in six-month installments to Palestinian territorial control, it is doubtful that the

Jordan Rift Valley will be retained in its entirety in accordance with the past security doctrines of the Labor Party.

The chief problem with Oslo 2 is that it appears to be a product of the conflicting conceptions of Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres. While the former seeks to create a Palestinian entity, based on the idea of "separation" that does not reach the 1967 border, the latter seems to be reverting to earlier concepts of functional compromise in the West Bank, according to which the location of villages right on the 1967 lines is unimportant.

Indeed, Peres stated in a *Jerusalem Post* interview that he doesn't see any side obtaining eventual sovereignty in the West Bank. Instead, the Palestinians are contained, according to his conception, by limiting the functions of their self-government - not by territorial means. But by creating large blocs of purely Palestinian territory out of the original small spots that made up the village areas, Oslo 2 points in the direction of a territorial solution, without the necessary safeguards to prevent full withdrawal.

Oslo 2 is ultimately the creation of a new psychological reality in the West Bank. After initial celebrations, Palestinians will find themselves confined to a certain degree of cantonization. Palestinian police will only be able to move in village areas by giving pre-notification to the IDF. According to a *Ma'ariv* interview given by Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan, the IDF head of the Planning Branch, the number of IDF companies deployed in the West Bank could even increase as a result of Oslo 2.

If Israeli settlers, security oriented members of the coalition, and the opposition are dispirited by the Oslo 2 map, and become resigned to Palestinian statehood, then a Palestinian state will arise. Oslo 2 points in a clear direction, but its full implementation should not be assumed as a given.

Whatever the ultimate intentions of the Rabin government, it still retains considerable discretion as to how much of Areas B and C eventually become Area A. Electoral as well as security considerations will affect its calculations.

Thus, future decisions about the ultimate magnitude of Israel's territorial concessions will be as much a product of the push and pull of Israeli domestic politics as a reflection of the final status map that Rabin has in mind and won't reveal.

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PM's remarks to US Jews could alienate friends

WHEN Yitzhak Rabin was in Washington last week, he served the US Jewish community a smorgasbord that soured many a palate.

Speaking after the White House signing of the interim accord with the Palestinians, the prime minister said American Jews were crossing a red line by lobbying Congress against the Israeli government's positions.

That drew applause from the audience. Conspicuously absent, however, was the organized Orthodox community, which has been the most rigorous in opposing the peace process.

Rabin's remarks covered a lot of ground, deliberately or not, he scratched the sore points of Israel-Diaspora relations, leaving most of his audience hurt, aggrieved or angry.

Not all were irked to the same degree by the same issues. But it was clear that once people had a chance to digest the prime minister's remarks, even his lobbying stance - applause side - could leave a bitter aftertaste.

"Most of the things he said were not wrong," said Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. "It was just the wrong time, the wrong place, and probably the wrong address."

"This group was primarily supportive," he

said. "To chastise them was like the rabbi telling people who come to shul about the people who don't come to shul. It was inappropriate."

Rabin repeatedly said he was "ashamed" that American Jewry was providing only \$300 million to help absorb immigrants.

"What he said was seen as contemptuous, irresponsible and negative when it should have been encouragement, embrace and resolution, especially considering the time of year," said an official in the Orthodox community who declined to be named.

Many Jewish leaders were confused by the meeting last Thursday, saying that at the "historic moment" they had expected to discuss or celebrate the interim agreement.

"This is the guy who in 1992 said, 'I don't need you.' Now, three years later, he says he's ashamed? That's not fair," said one Jewish organizational leader who refused to be identified.

In August 1992, in his first visit to the US as prime minister, Rabin criticized the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, saying it had steered Israel toward a confrontation with the US over loan guarantees.

"Rabin set the political tone from the beginning," an AIPAC representative said. "Then Yossi Beilin, with his comments, decimated the

Rabin's onslaught against Diaspora opponents was risky, Marilyn Henry reports

rest of the partnership, which was financial. How can he say now that he's ashamed?"

Rabin's aggravation wasn't truly about money, said Seymour Reich, head of the American Zionist Movement.

"It was really a slap at the community in its totality, using the financial aspect to put the community down," he said.

Over the last week, American Jewish leaders, including Rabin's supporters, have been chewing over his remarks. Some said Rabin "doesn't learn from his mistakes." They noted that Rabin had to mend fences after his 1992 attack on AIPAC and probably will have to do so again.

Although Rabin's criticism of Jewish lobbying had been well received, some community leaders had second thoughts.

They suggested that, despite Rabin's rapport with President Bill Clinton, the prime minister failed to recognize that American politics remain essentially domestic. US politicians' attitudes about Israel are largely based on pleasing their constituents, thus Jerusalem's good fortune in the US has been due to the actions of American Jews.

The current contentious lobbying issue is US aid to the Palestinian Authority, which is pending in Congress.

Many think Morton Klein, head of Zionist Organization of America, was Rabin's target. Klein defended his activity.

"All we are doing is lobbying for a linkage between US aid and PLO compliance with the accords," he said. "We are not lobbying to stop the peace process."

"This is American taxpayer money," said the head of one politically centrist organization. "Why should we not have a say in how taxpayer money is spent?"

Foxman called Rabin's complaint about lobbying important, significant, and "disingenuous." This is not the first time that Americans have lobbied in ways that are, or seem to be, against the government. The practice was started by Labor when it was the opposition.

"I think it was horrendous then and it's horrendous now," he said.

The need for US support - in this case, financial - assures an American role in the peace process. Therefore, community leaders conclude, Rabin cannot disregard US Jews.

All of those interviewed said they did not expect any sustained, negative fallout from Rabin's remarks.

"The issues are legitimate and are under discussion," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "People were taken aback by his tone; it was pretty harsh. But it certainly does not affect our agenda."

And some people suggested that the angst over the prime minister's remarks was confined to a "thin layer of leadership."

The American Jewish community's love, support and involvement with Israel draws from religious, cultural, historic, metaphysical and emotional sources, Foxman said. "The fact that the prime minister can be insulting is not going to have an impact."

He added: "One can understand and appreciate Rabin's anger. It was justifiable anger. [But] he's supposed to be a statesman."

PM stirs US debate on free speech

Some Americans say Rabin is seeking to stifle dissent, Hillel Kuttler reports from Washington

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin's criticism last week of American Jews who lobbied against the Israeli government's policies has barely registered in Congress because of a week-long congressional recess.

However, when informed of Rabin's comments, several Capitol Hill staff members handling foreign affairs, as well as one congressman, intimated that Rabin was attacking free speech.

The matter brings to mind charges made over the last two years by some in Congress, as well as in the American Jewish community, that the Israeli Embassy has sought to stifle Americans' dissent over the peace process.

That dissent focused primarily on two questions: Should the US provide financial assistance to the PLO? Should US troops be deployed on the Golan as part of an Israeli-Syrian peace deal?

While Rabin's comments made the front page of *The New York Times* last Saturday, those interviewed knew little, if anything, about the most recent controversy.

"Is it legitimate for American Jews to speak up when they're in support [of the Israeli government] but not legitimate when they're opposed? That's a little foolish," said a foreign policy adviser to a Democratic congressman.

THE CONGRESSMAN'S office has heard from both supporters and opponents of US aid to the PLO, the issue on which Rabin lashed out during a meeting here with American Jewish leaders just hours after he and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat signed the Oslo 2 agreement on expanding Palestinian autonomy.

Congress has not yet concluded the approval process for aid to the Palestinian Authority, which stands at about \$100 million annually.

The aid, permitted under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act (MEFFA), is contained in a foreign affairs bill (which includes Israel's annual \$3 billion aid package) that the Senate passed recently.

But it must still be approved by a committee representing both houses and then signed by the president. The committee is to meet next week.

According to Capitol Hill sources, those most active in Congress on behalf of aid to the Palestinians are the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, Americans for Peace Now, the Israel Policy Forum and mainstream Jewish groups.

The Zionist Organization of America and Americans for a Safe Israel are the most visible groups urging a tightening of conditions on aid, they said.

A Senate staffer familiar with the PLO legislation said he agreed with Rabin's statements because "the lobbying effort I've seen on MEFFA goes straight back to Likud."

OTHERS in Congress said Rabin selectively disregarded the lobbying conducted here about five years ago by figures on the left seeking to pressure the Likud government to freeze settlement construction as a condition for receiving the \$10 b. in American loan guarantees.

"It's a little disingenuous for [Rabin] to be saying it wasn't done before," said a Republican staffer on the House International

Relations Committee. "Lobbying against the loan guarantees is analogous to Likud and their supporters in the US lobbying against troops on the Golan and MEFFA."

"I don't see a qualitative difference. Each side wants to see their motives as pure."

"It's certainly not unprecedented," said Heritage Foundation foreign policy specialist Tom Moore, who until last month worked for Senator Strom Thurmond, chairman of the Armed Services Committee. "As I recall, Labor lobbied fairly heavily against Likud when Shamir was in power. I think it's fairly commonplace."

"I'm concerned by the, er, genteel Rabin and his government are demonstrating. For a gentle and I don't feel it's any place to tell the Israeli government what to do. But as an American, there are issues that concern us, like troops on the Golan."

"I think Americans have a right to be concerned.... What I don't think [the Israelis] have a right to do is intimidate Americans and suppress debate about American issues."

"I'm starting to get really angry about it.... When they get somebody like me antagonized - I'm not a friend of Labor, Likud or Meretz, but a friend of Israel.... Where the issue touches on American interests, I'm antagonized. I think it's beginning to crystallize as a free speech issue."

A FOREIGN relations aide to Republican Congressman Tom DeLay, the majority whip, said that, contrary to Rabin's contentions, "we have not seen any opposition to the Israeli government. I have seen lobbying against some of the policies of that government."

"What the focus is on recently is accountability for some of the US tax dollars being spent in the Middle East, and to make sure some of those who receive them are accountable, [meaning] the PLO and the Palestinian Authority."

Congressman Peter Deutsch, a Democrat from Florida, said he drew a distinction between US citizens and non-Americans who lobby on Capitol Hill on matters affecting Israel.

"I think there's a difference between Americans lobbying Congress, and Israelis lobbying Congress. I think Americans have a right and an obligation to be involved in the process," Deutsch said.

"When the Likud government was in power and had policies about settlements, there were Americans who had views opposite to Likud. So it's not unprecedented for Americans concerned about Israel to be engaged in the process."

Deutsch said that while he supported aid to the Palestinians, he remains "concerned" about the PLO's mixed record in complying with their commitments to root out terrorism. His constituents "feel very strongly the way I do" on the compliance question, he said.

"People have a sense that Israel is taking incredible risks. And sometimes it's being downplayed by supporters [of the peace process]."

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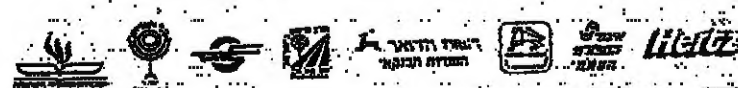
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Mauritius inmates recall British detention camp

Fifty years ago, 1,500 Jewish refugees were released after being held on a remote island, writes Winston Pickett

YUTIA Zachor doesn't remember much. She was just a child and insists that she recalls "only the little things." Still, 50 years later the images are indelible.

She remembers the sight of her mother and father confined to separate barracks. And the weather - the sun was so hot "you could hear it go 'pick, pick, pick' on the tin roof," she says. And she remembers the tropical storms that set the wood-slatted blinds crashing shut and once plucked a giant eucalyptus growing from the ground and left dead birds scattered on the earth. But fear? "Children always find games," she says. "I don't remember being scared."

Yaakov Abramson does. "The one thing I can't forget was that there was a lot of disease," says Abramson, whose father had typhus. "As children, we feared typhus, malaria, polio."

However, Aaron Zwergbaum, who is older than the other two, remembers everything. The flight from Nazi Europe, the trip in cramped steamers down the Danube River, the ill-fated journey to Haifa, the imprisonment in Atlit, and, finally, the four-and-a-half years of internment on a remote island in the Indian Ocean.

They remember Mauritius. And, as they do every five years, the only Jews to be deported and imprisoned by the British during World War II as a result of the 1939 White Paper will come together next week to take stock of who is gone, who is left, and what it was that actually happened to this group of more than 1,500 men, women and children between September 4, 1940, and August 26, 1945.

Zwergbaum, a retired lawyer who arrived at Mauritius when he was 27, chronicled the events in a 67-page monograph published by Yad Vashem more than 20 years ago. For him, Mauritius is a story that began with what he calls "miracles," then turned into both a nightmare and a prolonged indictment of British stubbornness and cruelty, and, ultimately, became a story of survival and the triumph of the human spirit.

At the outset, implausibility seemed to be the prevailing leitmotif. On September 4, 1940, four steamers bearing some 4,000 illegal immigrants left Bratislava, then the capital of Slovakia, and headed for Palestine. The first leg of the journey was to Tulcea, Romania, a port city on the Black Sea where the refugees were transferred to three freighters - the Pacific, the Milos and the Atlantic - which continued on to Palestine.

The Pacific and the Milos left first; most of their passengers were eventually allowed to emigrate. The Atlantic's passengers, however, suffered a different fate.

Of the some 1,700 people who eventually boarded the Atlantic, 300 were Czech Jews in their 20s and 30s from various Zionist organizations who were part of Aliya Bet; 500 were Jews from Danzig; and some 900 were Viennese Jews, about 300 of whom were older Zionists, and 600 of whom had come directly from concentration camps in Germany.

All but the second Viennese group had been waiting in Bratislava and Vienna for passage to Palestine for more than nine months - a bleak proposition following so closely on the heels of Hitler's invasion of Poland in September 1939 and the outbreak of World War II. Then, in what Zwergbaum says many viewed as miraculous, the Germans changed their minds and decided to let them go. The reason: the sudden influx of more than a thousand Jews into Palestine would spark Arab-Jewish riots and strain the British Mandatory authorities.

The second leg of the trip through the Black Sea, past Istanbul and the Aegean Sea along the coast of Turkey and the Mediterranean, was more arduous than the first. The 1,700 passengers, who set sail on a ship-worn Greek freighter originally meant to hold 350, were cramped together in the hold, where they slept on wooden slats, or found space on the gangways and the deck, often with little room to move.

"Sanitation was nonexistent, food was scarce, dehydration was common, and disease was frequent," Zwergbaum says. By the time the passengers were pulled into Haifa harbor by British authorities after a month at sea, they thought their prayers had been answered. Zwergbaum and others remember being told that in a few days, those on board the Atlantic would be transferred to another ship offshore, a luxury liner called the Patria, which was where the refugees from the Pacific and the Milos had been stationed for quarantine purposes.

It never happened. In the early morning hours of the transfer on November 25, an explosion ripped through the Patria, which burst into flames, and sank in 15 minutes. Only later did Zwergbaum and others discover what had happened. "The Hagana had set out to sabotage the engines and make sure the ship never left Haifa harbor," he says. "But it was badly planned and badly executed. In any case, instead of stopping the engines, they tore a big hole in the ship and at least 230 people paid with their lives."

Despite the horrific turn of events, many remained hopeful. The British granted amnesty to the survivors of the Patria, and those who remained on the Atlantic assumed the same would happen to them. They were wrong. Within days, at the command of High Commissioner Sir Harold MacMichael, more than 1,500 refugees from Hitler's Europe were transferred to Atlit prison. There they discovered they would soon be deported to an unknown island in the Indian



Kindergarten children in the women's section of Britain's Mauritius detention camp in 1942.

(Courtesy of I. Abramson)

Ocean. In protest, on December 9, 1940, many staged passive resistance, removing their clothes and refusing to move. The British responded with clubs and force, wrapping those who resisted in blankets and transferring everyone to two Dutch steamers bound for Mauritius.

Only later did the severity of the move become clear.

"The British wanted to set an example," Zwergbaum says. "And for the most part the Hagana and the Zionist authorities were powerless to do anything, caught between the debacle of the Patria and the recognition that, at that stage in the war, the British were alone fighting the Nazis."

Seventeen days later, the Jews reached the tiny island of Mauritius, the site of a former Dutch colony and naval base in the Indian Ocean and what would become their place of incarceration for the next four-and-a-half

years: a former prison compound of about 12 acres surrounded by a five-meter-high stone wall. Men were sent to cramped, three-by-four-meter cells in the men's section, while women and children were housed in 30 specially-constructed tin huts.

When they arrived, Zwergbaum notes, the refugees numbered 1580 - 849 men, 635 women, and 96 children. Except for once-a-week visits, men and women were kept apart. The living conditions provided were the bare minimum. The chief enemies were disease, boredom and feelings of abject futility. Despite that, the inmates soon evolved a mini-economy, a lending library, arts and entertainment, and even a kind of open university.

"There was a rich cultural life," Zwergbaum says.

Zachor, 61, who now works at the Israel-Canada Chamber of Commerce in Tel Aviv, remembers learning English in addition to

Hebrew. But as a child, her memories are selective: she arrived when she was six, and when she reached Israel she was only 10.

"As a child, it wasn't so bad," says Zachor, who was interned together with her mother, father and older brother, all originally from Danzig. "But for the adults, it was a real prison."

Abramson was two-and-a-half years old when he and his parents, also from Danzig, arrived at Mauritius. While the fear of disease was a constant - during one epidemic more than 124 died - Abramson has other memories: his first movie; watching Eddie Nelson singing "Balalaika"; kindergarten classes with a teacher named Ruth Wolfson with whom he kept in touch until she

died in 1991; and his music teacher, Dieter Eisler, who died of polio while on Mauritius.

"I think of her every time I hear the Beethoven elegies or the Turkish March of Mozart," says Abramson, 57, who later became a teacher and now lives in Petah Tikva.

For Zwergbaum sitting with his wife Regina - whom he met and married on Mauritius - in their modest Jerusalem apartment 50 years later, what still tastes bitter is the humiliation and total purposelessness of the protracted incarceration.

"The British did not have to keep us there - we could have been granted amnesty even under the quotas provided by the White Paper of 1939," he says.

"It was a waste of time. Hundreds of people could have been used for the war effort."

Particularly vexing, he says, was the near-total isolation from relatives in Israel, many of whom were already fighting in the Jewish Brigade against the German army. To help combat feelings of futility and to keep hope alive, Zwergbaum and others established the Zionist Association Mauritius through which they kept in contact with Israel as well as Zionist organizations around the world.

"I remember the South African community was very supportive," he says.

Other support came from the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund. By the time of their release and ultimate arrival in Haifa harbor on August 29, 1945, the deportees of Mauritius had become a cause celebre.

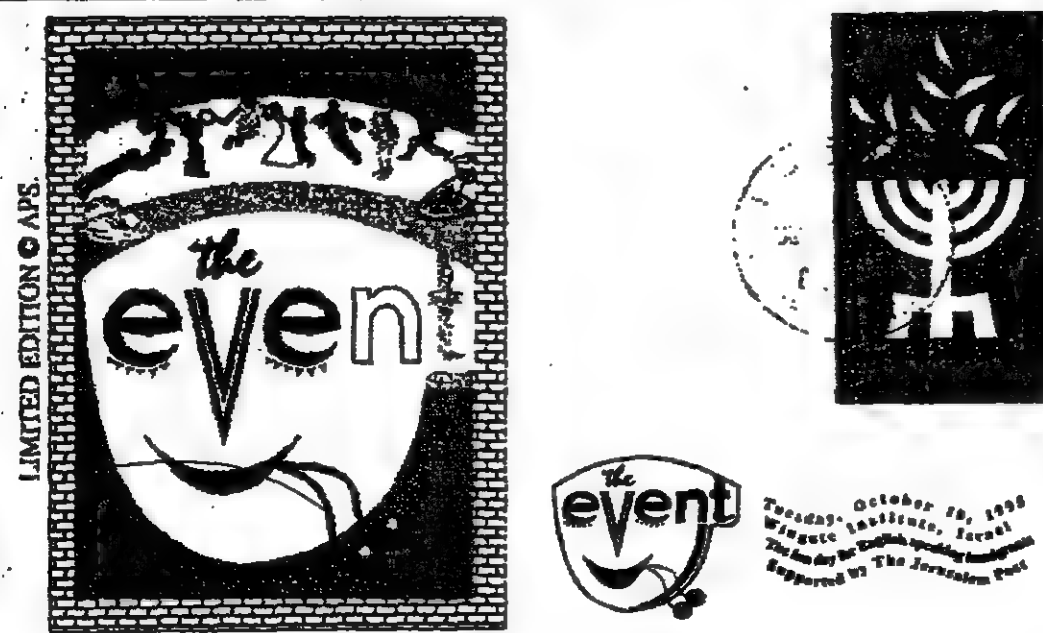
But, Zwergbaum wants to know, at what cost? In four years, 124 people died and hundreds of lives were put on hold. That may be one reason why Zwergbaum and the other former deportees are careful not to let the positives that existed on Mauritius - the relative abundance of food, the perseverance against odds, and the lack of persecution - act as a gloss over the experience.

"It wasn't a concentration camp, London during the Blitz or even our own prison in Ketzio - you weren't physically afraid," he concedes.

And, he adds, it did make "Zionists of most of us - 88 per cent emigrated to Palestine. What's more, following Herzl's motto that the 'Return to Zion' [first] the return to Judaism - some of us even became better Jews."

The 50-year reunion of former deportees to Mauritius will take place Tuesday, October 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ulamei Gal on Wingate Street, Yad Ellahu, Tel Aviv. A second gathering commemorating the passive resistance on the day of deportation will take place at Atlit on Sunday, December 10. For further information call Yuta Zachor at 03-964-2618 or Yaakov Abramson at 03-932-6670.

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Sensible planning vital for Jerusalem's future

CAPITAL TALK

TEDDY KOLLEK with Amos Kollek

NOWADAYS, a lot of us are living way above the standard of a small pioneering country with limited resources and many as yet unsolved problems that make its very survival difficult.

There is change in living standards in many ways. If almost a million Israelis travel abroad in summer – many because it is cheaper than going to Eilat – it is partly thanks to gifts from abroad contributions by the American "payer" or, in very few cases, incomes.

But the millions of dollars' worth of foreign currency drained from the Treasury for travel abroad is an expense the nation cannot afford.

We should have other priorities, such as better education and migrant absorption. Israelis could understand that living frugally is neither an insult nor a shame.

Still, if people spend money on trip abroad, it's not a permanent loss. It affects the country for a limited time and can be rectified, at least in theory, the following year or the year after that.

It is different with buildings. The use we make of our land, which can be affected for centuries, possibly forever, by unrestrained development. We cannot afford a situation in which everybody wants a small house with a garden, and country is covered with little private homes. This is a permanent setback, because it is a loss of land that could be used for other, much more suitable to the nation's needs.

Unfortunately, more and more land is taken up by such selfish, individual-oriented building.

People move out of Jerusalem places like Ma'aleh Adumim, Yavneel, Yerushalayim, Reut, Accaron and Modi'in. More places are spreading over green tracts to satisfy people hungering for lives and the trappings of luxury.

This is a permanent loss of good land which is vitally needed for agriculture and industry.

AT THE moment, Jerusalem is experiencing a major setback: Intel is not enlarging in the capital but is building a larger plant elsewhere. This means about 1,000 employees and their families – just the type of people we want to keep in the city – will move out. And why? Because the area Intel wanted is going to be used for construction of private homes.

This kind of policy shouldn't be allowed. It is not only far beyond our means, it is a misuse of land. We need that land if, as we hope, another million immigrants arrive over the next couple of decades. Certainly, our population is constantly growing beyond what we gain through immigration.

There is a fairly healthy rate of childbirth in Jerusalem, but there is no planning. What happens now, in order to make up for this to some extent is that the present city administration is allowing high-rise buildings. Construction approval has been given for one building of 24 stories, and others will follow.

We stopped all high-rise construction in Jerusalem 25 years ago. I went by the example of Washington DC, where the maximum height is eight floors.

A similar rule can be applied to Jerusalem. Buildings with four to five floors, even up to eight, would be reasonable. They will satisfy the housing needs, without altering the character of the city. There is no need for a multitude of private homes or high rises.

It is worth recalling what my administration did in 1967, when we were suddenly faced with a desperate need for new roads in and around the city.

We called in an extraordinary group of architects and town planners from all over the world to study the situation and give us their views. They told us where to build major roads, to create a green belt around the Old City, which worked out extremely well.

At the time, UNESCO forbade us to conduct archaeological digs in eastern Jerusalem. But the

internationally renowned architects advised us first to dig to find out about the past wherever we were going to build. We accepted the suggestion of this distinguished international group and enjoyed its moral backing despite UNESCO's views.

THE ARCHITECTS and planners gave us other good suggestions that greatly helped the city's development over the years. If the city has a problem now, the current administration should follow the same route: invite a few good architects from Israel and a few with worldwide reputations from abroad and make a new town plan. Don't just allow wild building, which would change the skyline and be a permanent change for the worse.

We still get a great deal of praise for how we built the city over the last few years, for using stone and not glass, aluminum, brick or concrete.

If City Hall gives in on the issue of tall buildings, it will give in on building materials as well. During my term, there were tremendous fights over the issue; local architects and contractors opposed the policy of requiring all buildings to be faced with Jerusalem stone, because it added to the cost of construction.

But maintaining the character and look of Jerusalem is far more important than cost; in the long run, stone facing really isn't more expensive than others. One only has to look at the deterioration of old concrete buildings on the Tel Aviv seaford to realize that.

Once attractive examples of Bauhaus architecture, they look terrible today because nobody has the money to maintain them. The upkeep on buildings built or faced with stone costs much less.

I am very reluctant to give advice to the present city administration, because it has been elected, and its members should know best. But in this case I am so worried that I dare to make a suggestion. Jerusalem should not look like New York; Israel does not have the wide open spaces of the US.

NPR's conflicting interests

EYE ON THE MEDIA

by Guest Columnist ANDREA LEVIN

ians' role in the travails of their own people.

Meehan's reporting also reflects NPR's carelessness with factual accuracy. On the complex issue of water in the West Bank, Meehan filed a July segment rid-

Gaza, Israel declared all water state property." Not true. Israel did not create new laws, but continued the regulations inherited from Jordan that designated authority over water to the sovereign.



This cartoon, depicting Israeli leaders in Nazi uniforms with a swastika emblem, was published September 6 in the English edition of the Egyptian government's official paper *Al-Ahram*. Notice the implied equivalence between Likud leaders Begin, Shamir and Sharon on the left and Labor's Ben-Gurion, Dayan and an incomplete Rabin on the right.

dled with error in which three Arabs described anecdotally their grievances at Israel's alleged monopolizing of water. A single official Israeli spokesman with no expertise on the topic was given a few lines at the end. His comments appear defensive and devoid of substance, giving credence to the Arab complaints.

Yet the segment was false from start to finish. Meehan began by saying the water crisis "centers around the fact that over a third of the water used by Israel comes from aquifers located in the West Bank." In fact, about one-third of Israel's water comes from an aquifer that is shared with the West Bank, being under Israel and the territories; and Israel has always drawn on this shared aquifer, even before 1967. Meehan's implication that Israel gained a new water source by taking Palestinian water in 1967 is spurious.

One sentence later she said, "Following Israel's 1967 military takeover of the West Bank and

Meehan then quoted a Palestinian hydrologist who charged that "Jewish settlements in the West Bank use 40% of the available water resources, while Palestinians face chronic shortages." Wrong again. Jewish settlements consume less than 25% of the water and they are not the cause of water shortages in Arab towns.

Meehan charged that it is "illegal" for Palestinians to dig wells. In fact, under Israeli administration as of 1991, 46 major wells were drilled in the West Bank for use by Arab residents (as compared to 17 for Jewish residents). Moreover, water consumption in the Arab sector has surged since 1967, rising from 42 million cubic meters to 132 in 1991.

Meehan claimed cities such as Hebron and Ramallah "only have running water several hours a week." False again. Ramallah has reliable running water. And Hebron is another case in which it is convenient to blame the Jews for Arab deprivation.

Former water commissioner

Professor Dan Zaslowsky notes that the water supply to Hebron is more than adequate but the municipality has resisted repairing severely leaking water pipes. That reluctance to make repairs may be linked to the handsome income some city notables earn selling water to their neighbors. And on and on.

But one major story having to do with a very different sort of Arab grievance – that has been overlooked on Meehan's watch – was recounted in the recent report by B'Tselem. The report documents "gross human rights violations" by the Palestinian Authority against the Palestinians. Bassem Eid, author of the study, has been threatened with death by Arafat's security stronghold in Jericho, Jibril Rajoub. Indeed, so serious are the threats that Amnesty International has issued an "Urgent Action Appeal" in an effort to shield Eid against assassination.

Maureen Meehan might have found it a delicate matter to probe this issue. She is married to Jiries Atrash, a Palestinian Authority official in Jericho. Atrahed recently to the obvious conflict of interest posed by Meehan's obligation as a reporter to provide full, accurate and balanced information and her role as the wife of a PA official, both NPR editorial director John Dinges and president Delano Lewis brushed off the issue, flatly denying she is married to a Palestinian official.

However, in response to an inquiry, the Palestinian Authority office in Jericho supplied a home telephone number for Jiries Atrash, "Assistant to the Chairman of the Bureau of the Palestinian Authority," that matched that of Maureen Meehan. Numerous other sources confirm that Meehan is married to this PA official.

Any news organization committed to balanced and accurate reporting would be alarmed by the apparent conflict of interest in Meehan's position and would have swiftly and seriously investigated before issuing erroneous denials. Unfortunately, NPR's response in this is entirely consistent with its notorious lapse from responsible journalism in covering the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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Of ravens and doves; When rabbis are useless

A VIEW FROM NOV MOSHE KOHN

THE TALMUDIC Sages occasionally express thoughts that verge on heresy, although the Sages base them on passages in the Tanach. They sometimes preface these utterances with the qualification: If scripture did not say so, we would not dare utter it (*Megilla 1a, Sota 13b*, etc.).

This came to mind as I prepared to refer to a "heretical" article by an Orthodox rabbi.

Of course, an article in a journal, even a scholarly journal, doesn't carry the weight of Holy Scripture. However, Halacha does operate on the principle that the ruling of the recognized halachic authority of a particular place and time on a question asked in that place by a local Jew – say Oshkosh, Wisconsin, today – is as valid as if it had been issued by Moses himself (*Deuteronomy 17:8-11; Rosh Hashana 15b*).

Besides, since when do we journalists seek warrant for our pronouncements?

But my observation about rabbis may carry more weight if it is backed by the authority of one of our generation's leading rabbinic scholars, who is also a teacher and mentor of scholars, rabbis and educators. He is Rabbi Nachum L. Rabinovitch of Ma'aleh Adumim, head of the Birkat Moshe hesder yeshiva in that town and the author of an important work on Maimonides's *Mishne Torah*.

The theme of that article is: rabbis are useless ("Of Ravens and Doves," *Journal of Jewish Thought*, Rabbinical Council of America, 1985).

Rabinovitch based himself on a talmudic declaration attributed to the disciples of one Dr. Binyamin. The Sage Rava cites him as an example of an *apikores* (heretic) because of the declaration: "Of what benefit are the rabbis to us? They have made neither the raven *kasher* nor the dove *treifa*" (*Sanhedrin 99b-100a*).

That is to say: the Torah forbids us to eat ravens, and there is nothing the rabbis can do about it, and it permits us to eat doves, and the rabbis can't change that either.

The Talmud then tells us that Rava refuted the Binyaminite's assertion when he found an occasion to permit Jews to eat raven flesh (probably as a life-saving measure) and another occasion

to declare a dove *treifa* (perhaps because of a diseased vital organ).

RABINOVITCH outlines his idea of what a rabbi should and should not be.

In America, for example, "many rabbis function as executive directors of the synagogue," with all that entails.

Here in Israel, "rabbis have become bureaucrats charged with solemnizing and recording marriages and divorces etc."

One might add that in a sense Israel is perhaps the only place in the world where a Jew can't have a religious wedding ceremony. Only one of those "bureaucrats" may conduct the official part of the ceremony, though he may assign various parts of the ceremony to others chosen by the groom and bride.

Rabinovitch's ideal rabbi possesses an "intellect honed by the study of Torah and a heart overflowing with compassion; a mind alert to every aspect of God's wide world and a soul sensitive to every human need."

He should

- "be deeply rooted in Torah knowledge [and] nothing precious to the Divine spirit that is in Man is foreign to them";
- "have historical understanding [and therefore] can impart understanding";
- "not flee intellectual challenges to escape into self-righteousness";
- "be fearful to claim rights but fearless in fulfilling duties";
- "refrain from exercising authority but ... teach by personal example...."

A LEADING American rabbinic scholar, Rabbi Prof. Moshe Tendler of Monsey, New York, is also critical of his fellow Orthodox rabbis.

At the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Council of America's conference in Jerusalem in July on "The Crisis of Values," Tendler decried his colleagues' failure, for example, to "scream" about the thousands of husbands in broken marriages who refuse to give their wives a *get* (halachic divorce) – thus making them *agunot* who may not remarry..

Tendler called on the rabbinical institutions to ostracize these men by not according them privileges in the synagogues, not dealing with them socially or in business, disqualifying them from burial in a Jewish cemetery, etc.

Similar treatment should be meted out to all Jews who commit ethical and moral transgressions that bring disgrace on the Torah.

RABBI PROF. Eliezer Berkovits, who was one of our time's great halachists and philosophers, liked to cite the talmudic tale about Rabbi Beroka of Be-Hoza'i in Persia.

Beroka frequently went strolling in the marketplace, and was often joined by Prophet Elijah.

Once he asked Elijah to show him who in the marketplace was sure to get Heaven's Eternal Reward. Elijah pointed to two men. Beroka approached them and asked what they did. They replied:

"Whenever we see sad people we try to cheer them up, and when we see people quarreling we try to make peace between them" (*Ta'anit 22a*).

Berkovits saw two lessons in this story:

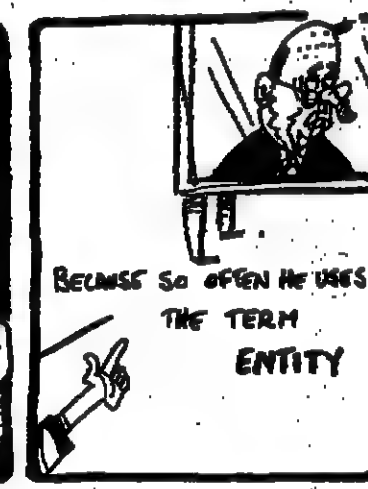
- Like Beroka and other talmudic sages about whom similar stories are told, rabbis should spend more time mingling with the folk "in the marketplace."
- Those singled out for Eternal Reward are not necessarily those whose main credit is having "super-super-glitz" kitchens.

There are also edifying anecdotes about the actions Rabbi Shimon ben Gamliel and Shmuel took against price gouging (*Kriat 8a; Succa 34b; Bava Batra 98a-b; Pessahim 30a*). And there is the beautiful anecdote about Rabbi Shimon ben Shetah (*Yerushalmi Bava Batra 2:5, Devarim Rabba 3:3*).

Shimon, head of the Sanhedrin and brother-in-law of King Alexander Yama'i, bought a mule from an Ishmaelite. As his disciples groomed the animal, they found a precious gem hanging by a string from the beast's neck.

Shimon brought the gem back to the Ishmaelite, who declared: "Blessed is the God of Shimon ben Shetah." Shimon told his disciples: "More precious to me than all the wealth in the world is that man's saying, 'Blessed is the God of the Jews.'"

SRULIK



A Succot recipe for rejoicing

SHABBAT SHALOM SHLOMO RISKIN

WHO said: "If I am here, everyone is here. If I am not here, no one is here?"

If you guessed a powerful business executive or a well-known personality, logic would be on your side. But you would be wrong!

Hillel the Elder would recite these phrases (*B.T. Succa 53a*) when celebrating *Simhat Beit Hashoeva* (the Rejoicing of the Drawing of the Water) – the ceremony that took place in the Temple area during Succot. The compiler of the Mishna declared: "Whoever has not seen the joy of *Simhat Beit Hashoeva* has never seen joy in his life." (*B.T. Succa, 51a*)

Even more fascinating than the words themselves is their relevance for comprehending the meaning of joy. And since joy is what defines Succot, without understanding joy, how can we possibly understand Succot?

A good way to understand what Hillel meant is to consider how most of the world understands joy. Madison Avenue didn't invent it, but it certainly sold the idea that if you want a great time, you must leave for some exotic corner of the world.

And if remote spots are not your cup of tea, there is always swinging London, dazzling Paris, or wherever else the promoters want you to believe is the one place on earth where you will find "joy!" Quite simply, nobody wants you at home: not the airlines; not the hotels; not the credit card companies; not the up-and-coming government of some new Caribbean island.

The Jewish concept of *simha* is the very antithesis of getting away. In effect, the Torah's definition of *simha* is to be found in the commandment to celebrate Succot.

"You shall keep the Feast of Tabernacles seven days.... And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite, and the stranger, and the fatherless and the widow." (*Deut. 16:13-14*)

At first glance, there seems to be nothing about the how of rejoicing. And then we realize that in fact the Torah is teaching us a sequence of joy.

A person must be able to rejoice, first of all, with himself ("And you shall rejoice") – with his own development, growth and accomplishments. Then he can rejoice with his family, and, finally, with his community – particularly its most needy souls.

For the head of a household, the festival provides a rare opportunity to realize and appreciate what he really has. It is specifically within this context that true joy exists and, what's more important, lasts. Furthermore, when one appreciates what one has one can share. The ability to share with others, as well as the sense of fulfillment that such sharing brings, only serves to enhance joy.

But if a person's idea of a great time is getting away from it all,

then when he returns the same problems are there to greet him. The great time one had soon turns into a fading memory which, in retrospect, only intensifies one's present frustration.

Consider how the modern world celebrates a wedding. Even before the music dies down, the happy couple is off to some exotic locale to be alone. The classic honeymoon lasts seven days on some enchanted isle – a dazzling white hotel, perfect daisies, brilliant sunshine. And nothing to do all day but lounge by the pool and be alone together.

A Jewish wedding couldn't be more different. For seven consecutive days friends and family gather for a *seudat mitzva* ("sacred repast"), replete with the seven special blessings recited under the wedding canopy. For seven days, friends and family are right there with them; they bask in the comfort and support of close family and friends, and revel in a sense of security and accomplishment – the two things which Judaism insists bring true joy.

One of my teachers at Yeshiva University, Rabbi Paleyoff, once clarified the difference between a potential alcoholic's cup and the wine goblet of someone fulfilling a *mitzva*.

If a person is empty inside and drinks in order to fill that hollowness with the trappings of joy, then his drinking could lead to

alcoholism. But if a person takes a drink so that he can give expression to the joy that already fills him, his drinking is the drinking of true *simha*, and will not lead to alcoholism.

With these ideas in mind, I believe that Hillel the Elder's words mean that if a person can say "I am here – the 'I' who is part of family and community, who exists in all productive relationships with the world, who possesses a real ego and who does not have to escape in order to rejoice – then everyone is here and everything is in order.

But if the "I" constantly seeks escape and new tricks to keep itself distracted, then the "I" is really not there. And if the "I" is not there, no one is there; there is no self, no real family, no community, just false relationships and hollow connections.

Pessah is freedom, and the matza we eat is intended to internalize a sense of liberation. Once we are free, we can receive the Torah on Shavuos, which will change our entire reality. And the Torah reality provides joy with self and family – and the concomitant ability to share with others.

Such an outlook doesn't require a fancy palace; even a fragile hut under the open skies is sufficient if it houses a personality content with itself, surrounded by family, extended to friends and those in need....

If I am here, everyone is here. And if I am not here, nothing is here.

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Last night the opening ceremonies for the first world bridge championship in China were held. The tournament continues for the next two weeks in Beijing and includes the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup, team events made up of winners and runners-up from previous championships in geographical zones. All teams have six players from the same country, but the Venice Cup is restricted to women. Israel is represented in the Venice Cup, having placed third in the European Women's Team Championship this past June in Portugal.

World championships in bridge are held every year, but vary in content.

In the other events, such as the Bermuda Bowl or Olympiad teams, a player's chance to participate is restricted by the rules of the bridge organization within the country he resides, and it is surprising how unfair such rules can be. Here, for example, candidates have to compete on Shabbat to try out for the international team, thus eliminating all Shabbat-observant players. (This rule is presently being challenged.)

Today's deal comes from last year's world knock-out teams. The final was a close match between teams from the US and Poland. The US won the match,

but only after Poland took the early lead, due to this deal. One of America's outstanding partnerships, Chip Martel and Lew Stansby, of California, were responsible for a grand-slam disaster that made the kibitzers laugh and cry (actually, only the American supporters were crying).

Stansby, as North, opened one club, and Martel, South, bid one heart. This was raised to two hearts, and now South jumped to four diamonds, showing shortness there (a "splinter bid"). This is where the trouble began. Had South emphasized his spades instead of making the splinter, North might have downgraded his hand. But over four diamonds, North launched into Key-card Blackwood.

South's bid of five notrump showed one ace and a void. This was not what North wanted to hear, and he made a good gambit by retreating to six clubs, hoping to find a club fit with partner. South, however, was on a different wavelength. He understood his partner's six-club call as a try for a grand slam in hearts, asking for third-round control of clubs.

Since South held the queen of clubs, he leaped dramatically to seven hearts, a bid that certainly surprised East. East doubled, received a club ruff on opening lead, and later rose with the ace of hearts when a trump was led from dummy, capturing his partner's king. Nevertheless, the plus-300 points achieved by the Polish East-West was significantly better than the minus-420 of their American counterparts at the other table.

It's interesting to note that the small slam in clubs might have been made. Suppose East leads the jack of spades. Declarer cashes three top spades, discarding two hearts from the North hand and then leads the six of spades, throwing North's last heart. If East has not thrown all his top spades, holding on to the three, he will be forced to win the trick and return a red suit. Now declarer can cross-ruff for 12 tricks. If East dumps his 10 and nine of spades and West wins the spade trick with the seven, West can defeat the slam by returning a trump.



Kibitzers (left) are 'as glorious as the tree itself,' myrtle has a sweet smell. (J. Fishman/Etraim Kibitzers)



Nature's Succot treats

NATURE

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

EVERY year when we build our booths to celebrate Succot, we choose the traditional four species of plant that have been ordered for the festival. But more and more Israelis have forgotten the deep symbolism that the rabbis, through the generations, have taught us lies within this particular choice of plants.

The Scriptures are not altogether specific in naming the fruits to be displayed in the succa, and the choices were made after long deliberation by the sages. For instance, the Bible calls for the "fruit of a goody tree" and this could possibly have been any number of fruits. But the Jerusalem Talmud in Succa 3.5 makes it clear that the decision was not arbitrary. Rather, it teaches that the goody tree must be one whose fruit is as glorious as the tree itself. Now, says the Talmud, the pomegranate is a glorious fruit but the tree is somewhat insignificant. On the other hand, the carob tree is very beautiful but the fruit is not particularly remarkable. Therefore the *etrog* or citron was chosen because both the tree and the fruit are a thing of beauty.

The *etrog* has long been a sym-

bol of fertility and the nipple at its end, called the *pitam*, is said to symbolize the nurturing breast of a mother. Folklore has taught that a woman should eat the *pitam* to cure infertility and that all the women of the household should share the *etrog* itself to ensure the birth of male offspring.

The "willows of the brook" commemorate our eternal dependence, as a nation, on water. Originally they were gathered in Motza, near Jerusalem, and placed around the altar in the temple. Willows deprived of water for even a day will wilt and if a spring dries up the first plant to die is the willow or *arava*. This fact is symbolic of the dependence of the People of Israel on the promised "rains in their season."

Again, when referring to "the boughs of a leafy tree" the Scriptures are not explicit. The Sages pondered over this a great deal and decided that a leafy tree had to be one whose leaves covered its trunk. Other trees were con-

sidered, with some favoring the oleander or *harduf*, but the Sages decided that since the oleander is poisonous it could not be what was meant. The myrtle, on the other hand, has leaves that cover its trunk or stem, gives a sweet smell when burned and in contrast to the willow remains fresh for long periods when cut. It has come to serve as a symbol of immortality and success. Its branches are traditionally placed on the bed of the dying but also carried by the bride under the wedding canopy and used to decorate newly opened businesses in hope of success.

The *lulav*, or palm fronds, has served from most ancient times as a symbol of victory, both physical victory over enemies and moral victory in our spiritual life. In the days of the Jewish wars against the Romans, coins were minted with a palm frond imprint and baskets woven of these fronds with the inscription "The Salvation of Zion."

As we decorate our tabernacles this year it is well to remember that these four plants symbolize the hopes and dreams of an entire people and that they have done so throughout our long history.

Challenge the champions

CHESS

NICK KOPALOFF

CHESS will be one of the many attractions on offer for the 10,000 fun-seeking people expected to come to the Event on Tuesday, October 10, at the Wingate Institute. Simultaneous displays and blindfold exhibitions by local champions and a free-for-all tournament will be part of the intensive agenda.

After seven consecutive draws in the PCA World Championship in New York between Garry Kasparov and Viswanathan Anand, the challenger was asked why they had agreed on a draw in game seven when the position was alive with everything to play for. "Well we both did not have a clue what was going on," was his candid reply.

Entering the eighth game, the pace and mood of the games had definitely erupted. This game set a World Record by ending in yet another draw and was total chaos in the positive sense of the word.

Kasparov, Garry - Anand, Viswanathan Game 8, New York 1995

Scotch Game
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 : The Scotch Game opening obtained its name from a correspondence match between Edinburgh and London which took place from 1824 to 1828 and was won by the Scottish players. Over the last century it went out of fashion and was seldom seen at grandmaster level until Kasparov employed it in his duels with Karpov.

4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Bc6 9.b3 Kasparov probably felt comfortable with this position and he had no doubt reached it before. But Anand's monstrous next move threw the world champion off guard.

9...g5! ? "This move is pure vulgarity," exclaimed British GM Bill Hartston to a panel of experts. "Pawns should creep up slowly and conquer space, no barge forward like this."

But although causing irreparable weaknesses, this move does prevent White from playing f4 to guard the pawn on e5. It also offers black a potentially powerful outpost on the f4 square for the knight, and it also opens the dangerous a1-h8 diagonal for the Black bishop.

10.Ba3 d6 11.exd6 Qxe2+ 12.Bxe2 Bg7 13.cxd5 Bxe2 14.Kxe2 Bxa1 15.Rc1 0-0-0 16.Rxc6 Rxe8+ 17.Kd3 Rd7 18.Nc3 Bxc3 19.Kxc3 Most spectators were convinced that Anand would go for the win by playing here 19...Re2. But his choice came as a big surprise.

19...Re5 ! Very often in chess, if you want to win a game you have to be prepared to lose as well.

A key feature of this World Championship has been this fear of defeat.

19...Re2 would have been the obvious attempt to force a victory but Anand quite clearly saw that after 20.Bc5 Kasparov would have some winning chances of his own.

20.Kc4 Re4+ 21.Kd3 Re5 22.Kc4 Re4+ 0-0-0

I DO not expect many people to be able to solve this week's puzzle. If I called it cryptic I would not be doing it justice.

The first seven solvers who reveal to me the correct answer at the Chess hall at the Event will each walk away with a handsome prize.

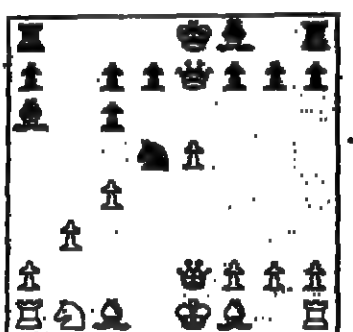


DIAGRAM 1 after White's 9th

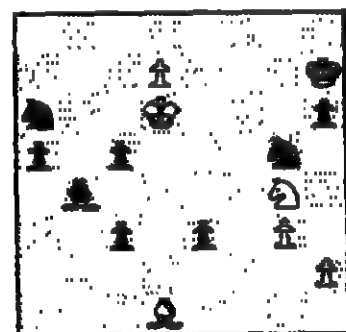


DIAGRAM 2

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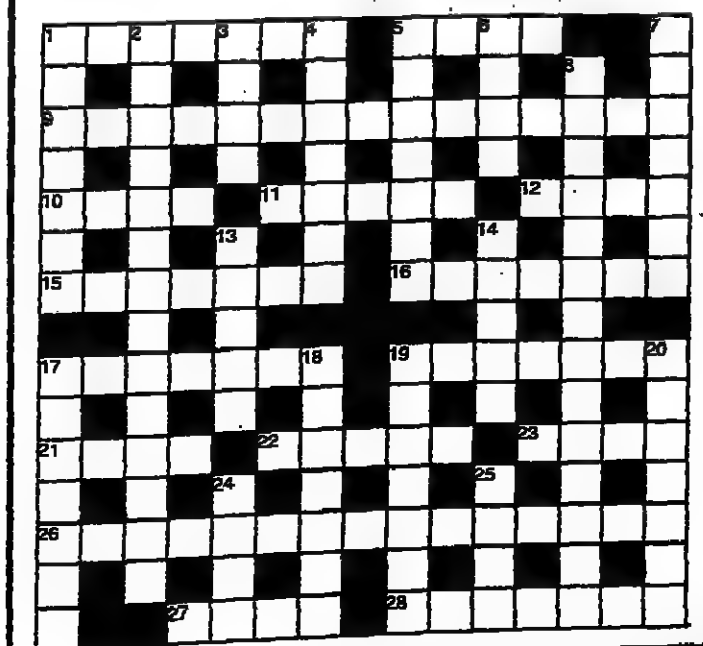
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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|---|--|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 This jet arrived in yesterday from Paris (7) | 1 Sacking a mercenary soldier at one time (7) |
| 5 Young whale a little lower (4) | 2 In other words, as ordered, to show such soundness on the way (14) |
| 9 Manage thin clips, perhaps, with this device? (8-7) | 3 Complaints when moneyboxes do not open (4) |
| 10 English isle a US state? (4) | 4 Footballers with no home fixtures? (7) |
| 11 Knocking back beer is splendid (5) | |
| 12 Game from miles round (4) | |
| 15 Twitchy over sun coming out (7) | |
| 16 Glazed vessel has such an empty look (7) | |
| 17 Remorseful, has made reparation (7) | |
| 19 Play the fool, say? Sleep on it! (7) | |
| 21 Rotten Row (4) | |
| 22 Fish-pole (5) | |
| 23 Host when Mary comes out (4) | |
| 26 Going to perform the Indian rope trick? (13,3) | |
| 27 Lines to retired soldiers, a troublesome issue (4) | |
| 28 Wartime medalist with a very small spaniel? (7) | |



SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution
ACROSS: 1 Doctor, 4 Rebaba, 9 Lullaby, 10 Octet, 11 Gash, 12 Lomgum, 13 Awi, 14 Scum, 16 Neat, 18 Ret, 20 Casrina, 21 Agra, 24 Turia, 25 Apology, 26 Blasted, 27 Balaie.
DOWN: 1 Deluge, 2 Nema, 3 Rank, 5 Kneewest, 6 Antigua, 7 Saturo, 8 Kool, 12 Ambience, 15 Casgrin, 17 Scotch, 19 Rajah, 19 Larynx, 22 Ghast, 23 Boar.

QUICK CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Avoiding, importance (6) | 1 Affability (6) |
| 4 Custom, rule (5) | 2 Advice note (7) |
| 5 Carouse (5) | 3 Stamp of authentication (8) |
| 9 Drive mad (7) | 4 Detriment (4) |
| 10 Win (7) | 5 Stringed instrument (5) |
| 11 Excursion (4) | 6 Hypothesis (8) |
| 12 Lout (3) | 7 US state (5) |
| 14 Suffer, undergo (4) | 13 Constant, loyal (8) |
| 15 Chief, reguish (4) | 16 Cheese (7) |
| 18 Greek island (3) | 17 Smother (6) |
| 21 Instrument (4) | 19 Exhausted (5) |
| 23 Ornament, archetype (7) | 20 Throw from saddle (6) |
| 25 Style, vague (7) | 22 Encircle, harass (6) |
| 26 Equivocate (5) | 24 Wee (4) |
| 27 Access (5) | |
| 28 Red wine (6) | |

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Gargoyles and gurgling fountains

GLORIA DEUTSCH

EVERY glimpse of sun on stone is a work of art, every humble cottage an architectural wonder. After spending 10 days in Italy this summer, resting on great art and gorgeous scenery, it is easy to understand how people fall in love with Italy and go back there again and again. No wonder the Romantic poets were inspired to live and work there, no wonder the townships took up residence, even if they did miss England a little in April.

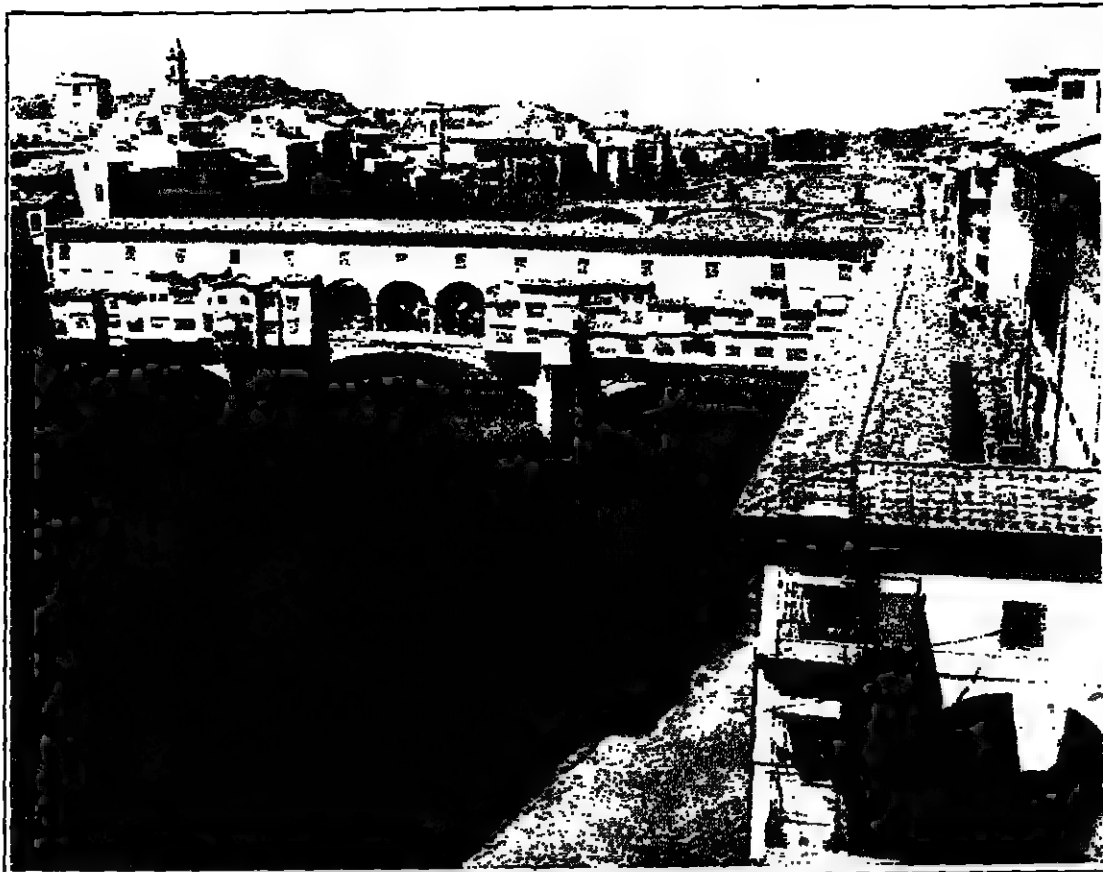
Of course, the Roman remains and the medieval palaces, the cathedrals and basilicas, and the art galleries with their treasures are intriguing. But there is a special beauty in the small hidden courtyards off the beaten tourist track, with their gargoyles, wrought-iron railings and vines trailing across ancient stonework, often with a small fountain quietly gurgling to itself. Even the crumbling facades of Florence and Venice, attesting to centuries of neglect, cannot detract from the magic of the place.

There are certain basic things a traveler to Italy should know. For instance, many of the smaller hotels do not have air-conditioning. All the places we stayed in were beautifully clean, though a little spartan. Breakfasts were often self-service affairs with a selection of crisp breads, rolls and, in some places, hard-boiled eggs and cheeses. There was also wonderful coffee, once we figured out how to work the espresso machine. Italians take their coffee in black thimbles, standing in a cloud of cigarette smoke.

A few words of Italian come in handy, since only in the posh hotels does the staff know any English. It helps to know the phrase "Quanto costa?" (How much?) and to settle the price of taxi rides in advance.

However, transportation by bus is simple and cheap - but be sure and buy tickets beforehand from kiosks or machines and get them stamped on the bus - otherwise you can be thrown into jail for not paying for your ride.

It takes a minimum of three days to see Rome, although more would be better. One day is to see all the Roman sites: the Colosseum, the Forum, the Arch of Titus, the Imperial Fora with their magnificent remains, the snow-white imposing monument to



Picturesque Rome: it takes three days to see the major sites in Rome, but double that is even better.

Victor Emmanuel, built in 1885; the Piazza Venezia, lined with palaces; and the Piazza del Campidoglio, designed by Michelangelo. If that's not enough, try visiting San Pietro de Vincolo to take a look at Michelangelo's Moses, complete with horns.

Also within walking distance is Rome's magnificent synagogue, which has been heavily guarded since a terrorist attack some years ago. There is a small charge for a tour of the Jewish museum there. The kosher restaurant in Rome is at Via Cavour and the food could be described as *heinish* - couscous, fefelaf and hummus. The Hebrew-speaking proprietor is of Libyan extraction.

You need to set aside a full day to visit Vatican City, a half-hour bus ride from Rome. Like in Jewish holy sites, modest dress is demanded and many scantily clad people are turned away.

If you go on a Sunday you might get to see the pope. Then take a stroll around St. Peter's Basilica to marvel at the art, the architecture and the sheer grandeur of it all. (It's the largest

sacred building extant.) The famous Sistine Chapel is a 15-minute walk from the cathedral, not inside it, and the doors close to tourists at 1 p.m. We barely made it in and just managed to gawk at the famous ceiling as well as take in some of the other great art, notably the Stanze of Raphael.

The Vatican palaces, museums and gardens can take another full day if you have the time.

That evening we attended a performance of Rigoletto at the open-air opera in the garden of the Villa Borghese. The glorious music, the magical setting of the gardens with little lakes and fountains, and the cypress trees outlined against the night sky, were enchanting.

Day three in Rome is for all the other major sights: the Trevi fountain; the Spanish steps; the Via Veneto of Dolce Vita fame, with some of the most expensive-looking whores you will ever see; and the many piazzas with their architectural wonders.

Then it was on to Florence, a good place to spend Shabbat. It

only took an hour to find the beautiful 100-year-old synagogue, book Shabbat meals at the kosher restaurant next door - the Cuscusi - and settle into a hotel just off the Piazza del Duomo. Even though it was mid-August, there were plenty of hotel rooms.

You can't drive around the center of Florence; you must leave your car in a garage outside, pay for parking and hire porters to bring your luggage to your hotel. It sounds complicated, but it's a good system. It means you can walk around and see all the wonders of Florence - the Duomo Cathedral, the baptistery, the Campanile of Giotto, the churches and squares - without fear of traffic. In Florence, as in Rome, you will have a perpetual crick in your neck from trying to look at the gorgeous ceilings to which some of the greatest art appears to have been consigned.

The world-famous Uffizi gallery is closed on Mondays and open only half the day on Sundays. We zealously got into the line by eight on Sunday morning and were inside by 9:30. We

spent five incredible hours feasting on its treasures. The coffee and fruit salad served at the rooftop restaurant were a welcome break.

The next day we went to the Pitti Palace and the sadly neglected Boboli gardens, from where you have the best view of the famous Florentine skyline with the burnt sienna roofs of the city against the characteristic Tuscan landscape of cypresses, vineyards and olive groves bathed in amber light.

Several galleries are open in the evening too, and we toured the Palazzo Vecchio on Saturday night, thus not wasting a moment. That's where the local Haagen-Dazs outlet is, a welcome modern sight among all the antiquity.

Venice was our last stop. Of course, we knew it was built on water and the roads are canals, but just waiting for a "bus" on one of those landing-stage bus stops was incredible.

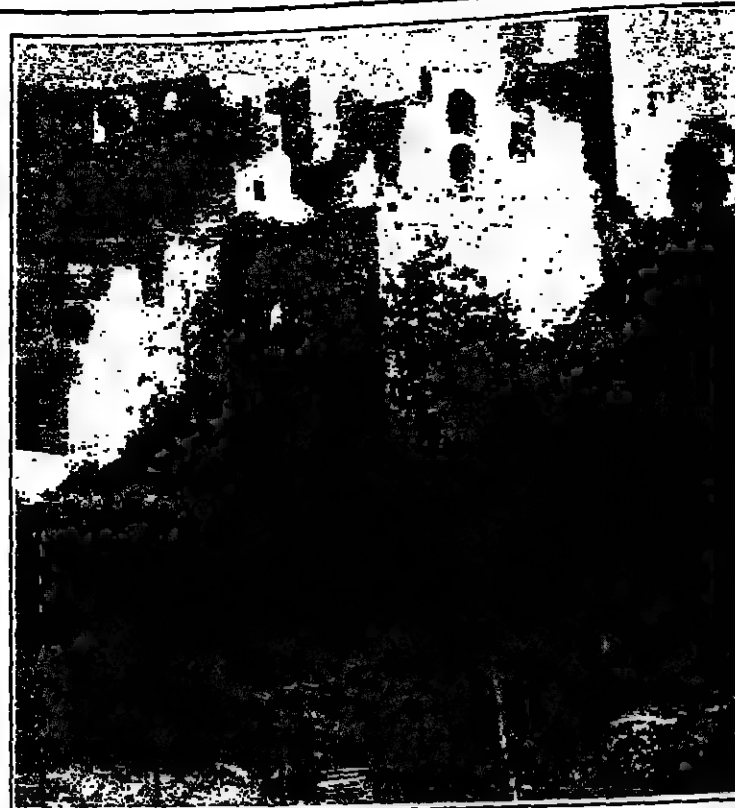
We watched fascinated from a bridge as a family chugged into the bank in their motor boat, then the wife and daughter hopped out to the mini-market while father and son whiled away the time fishing!

The Jewish sites of Venice are especially interesting. Both the past and present are on display: the past in the shape of the Jewish museum full of beautiful artifacts and the tour of the ghetto with its five lovely old synagogues within a few hundred yards; and the present in the shape of the Habad restaurant with food that tasted like ambrosia and a picture of the Lubavitch Succa Gondola on the wall.

We found St. Mark's Square rather tawdry with its predatory pigeons and a cacophony of different music groups playing in various parts of the square. But the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs, the Basilica and the Academy Galleries are all thrilling to visit and photograph.

Venice is so incredibly beautiful that a trip down the Grand Canal leaves you open-mouthed with wonder for the variety and ornateness of the buildings lining it. You can, of course, go in a gondola and be serenaded, or take a special tour, but we did it on a regular bus at a fraction of the price of either.

Alitalia has regular flights between Israel and Milan, Rome and Florence.



The castle at Yehiam is being utilized for cultural and commercial events, and as a restaurant.

Yehiam's all-in-one Crusader castle

SEE IT HERE

HAIM SHAPIRO

IN the best of all possible worlds, each of us would have our own castle. In this world, we have Yehiam.

Located on the grounds of Kibbutz Yehiam, near Nahariya and Ma'alot, the castle rises over the surrounding countryside. It offers a landmark to anyone approaching it, while for those standing on its ramparts, it provides a panoramic view of the Mediterranean coastline.

For the Crusaders, the castle served as a fortification for the surrounding agricultural area. The present castle, with its large vaulted hall and smaller arched chambers, is a combination of the Crusader structure and later Ottoman additions. Nearby is a small hall known by the kibbutzniks as the "mushroom room," since it was used to raise mushrooms in the early days of the kibbutz, following the War of Independence.

In fact, the present, visible halls are only part of the historic structure. During recent restoration work, archeologists found another whole complex of rooms and tunnels which could not be excavated for lack of funds.

As has become more and more typical of historic sites throughout the country, the castle at Yehiam is being utilized for cultural and commercial events. It is a development which has resulted in more visitors coming to the site than ever before.

These days the castle is also the venue for the Castle Banquet Hall, a restaurant which specializes in a Renaissance atmosphere, with the appropriate music and waitresses in period dress.

Although the menu is an ambitious one, diners have the option of having only the wide range of hors d'oeuvres or even just coffee and cake.

Nearby, the kibbutz offers simple but comfortable bed-and-breakfast accommodation, with rooms which can be adapted to sleep from two to six guests. Rooms come equipped with a small refrigerator, an electric kettle with tea and coffee, and a basket of home-made cookies. There are outdoor picnic tables as well as tables and chairs in the rooms.

The main attraction here is the peace and quiet, augmented by a very friendly and helpful staff. There is even a small mini-zoo, complete with bees.

For those seeking additional excitement, the kibbutz has been holding a series of weekly concerts, with an emphasis on medieval and Renaissance music. This activity comes to a climax during Succot, when the castle is to have its annual Renaissance festival on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 9, 10, and 11.

Among the musicians are groups from Austria, France, England and Holland. There are also to be artists displaying their wares and working in silver, weaving, glass-blowing, ceramics and woodwork, among others.

Wandering minstrels and acrobats are to provide outdoor entertainment.

For information and tickets, tel. 04-985-6057/8/9.

Why leave? There's lots to do here during Hol Hamoed

DESPITE the fact that thousands of Israelis take the opportunity to leave the country during Succot, there are plenty of leisure-time activities for those who remain here. To provide more information about these options, there is a new tourist information office in the Tel Aviv Central Bus Station. The office, which is under the auspices of the municipality, provides information about sites, attractions, shops and hotels in the area, as well as the entire country.

TO FACILITATE travel, Carta has published a new 1:400,000 map of Israel and Jordan, available in bookstores for NIS 26.

Europac is distributing the same map - in a more compact format with the addition of maps of Jerusalem and Amman - to its clients in both countries.

ON OCTOBER 9, there is to be a kite competition at the Ma'ayan Harod, at the foot of Mt. Gilboa. The park is to open at 10 a.m. with a variety of activities, including kite-making, while the competition in three categories - amateurs, professionals, and bought kites - is to begin at 3 p.m.

A PANEL from an 18th-century Venetian succa showing the Egyptians drowning in the Red

TRAVEL TIPS

HAIM SHAPIRO

Sea, which appears to be a typical Venetian canal, is one of the special exhibits for a Succot exhibition at the Museum of Italian Jewish Art in Jerusalem.

The museum is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Wednesday also from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

FOR THOSE who want to get back to nature, Havat Haroim on the Kiryat Gat-Bet Guvrin road (about one kilometer east of Mo-

shav Sde Moshe) offers parents and children such activities as feeding the cows and sheep, horse and donkey riding, sheep milking, and a ride on a wagon, pulled by tractor, to the nearby orchards. For information, tel. 03-9675215.

THE ABU GHOSH Festival, with concerts in the Kiryat Yehim church overlooking the village near Jerusalem and in the Crusader church and its crypt in the village itself, is to take place from October 13 through 16.

On Tuesday and Wednesday at 2 p.m. there are to be concerts at the Beit Jamal Monastery near Beit Shמש.

THE ROYAL Falcons, a group of Jordanian air team, is to appear in Jerusalem on October 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as part of the annual air show of the Israel Association of General Aviation. The show, at Atarot Airport, also includes other air acrobats, parachuting displays, and historic and new aircraft.

THE HAFETZ Haim water park is offering reduced prices during Hol Hamoed, combined with free entry into its special holiday Luna Park, as well as organized transport from Jerusalem and Beit Brak. For information, tel. 08-593939.

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Longtime 'bridge' builder goes to land of 1,000 lakes

Ali Yehie plans to keep teaching mutual understanding as Israel's first Arab ambassador, Abraham Rabinovich reports

BRIDGES subjected to loads like those Ali Yehie has carried may be expected to collapse without much ado or at least to give off a healthy groan.

But the 48-year-old teacher, who took it upon himself half a lifetime ago to span the chasm between Jews and Arabs in Israel, not only remains implacably cheerful but is about to assume still another load as Israel's first Arab ambassador.

"A bridge has to be strong at both ends and to have balance," says the ambassador-designate to Finland. "I've always had balance."

Deputy director of Ulpian Akiva in Netanya, Ali Yehie (pronounced Yekhyeh) was confirmed by the government last month to the Finland posting, which he is expected to take up in two months. His pioneering role is not altogether new for Yehie, who in 1984 was the first Arab to light one of the 12 torches at the traditional Independence Eve ceremony on Mount Herzl, the central national ceremony of the Jewish state.

For the past 24 years, he has taught Hebrew to Arabs, including Palestinian leaders, and Arabic to Hebrews, including ministers and generals. He points out to both groups that the "other"

not only speaks a similar tongue but may be not unlike themselves.

"I explain to Israeli Jews what the Arab feels and I explain beautiful Israel to the Arabs," he says. "Ignorance is the cause of hatred. I teach not only the language but the melody of the language."

Victim of a happy childhood, Yehie admits to being an "obsessive optimist."

He chose as a youth to take literally the new state's Declaration of Independence which said that Arabs in Israel had equal rights. He also chose to believe that the Jewish state would inevitably be integrated into the Middle East.

THE LIVELINESS of his classroom style, his use of parables full of folk wisdom, and his unabated enthusiasm make him an extraordinary teacher capable of touching students at the human level, regardless of their background.

"There's a cute little kid inside every officer," says Yehie of the senior army officers attending the National Defense College course he gives every year on Arab culture. "You just have to know where to scratch."

He has over the years brought thousands of Israelis on visits to,



Ali Yehie: "I say to the Israelis and the Arabs that the greatest enemy is a sense of superiority." (Ariel Jerolimski)

and overnight stays at Arab homes, including his own. He has given talks to tens of thousands of others in kibbutzim, schools and other venues.

Yehie was born in 1946 in the Wadi Ara village of Kfar Kari, the oldest of eight children. His father was a well-to-do farmer. "My father's house was open,

and I was used to being in contact with people."

Ali's public career began at the age of 11 when he addressed a scout jamboree in Haifa as spokesman for Arab scouts, sharing the platform with prime minister David Ben-Gurion. He grew up during the period of military government in the Israeli-Arab sector.

"It wasn't pleasant lining up in order to get a permit to leave the village," he says, "but it was a period of confusion for the whole state. The Jews had been a minority and were now a majority. They didn't know how to swallow it."

He understood early on that if he wished to break out of the ghetto into the larger society he would have to master Hebrew. "Language means understanding the mentality and culture of those who use it. Language was for me the opening to a dream of equality. It meant being accepted by the majority."

Graduating in 1969 from the Hebrew University, where he studied languages and Middle East history, he returned to his village and helped establish its first high school. Shortly afterwards he joined Ulpian Akiva, but was permitted to absent himself part of the week so that he could continue teaching in his village school. "It's important to keep one foot in your own culture," says Yehie, who still devotes his Sundays to teaching civics in the Kfar Kari school.

HIS WIFE, Cheriah, who teaches blind children, is a former student of his from the village. They have five children. "She lets me act like a foreign minister, but

she raises the children, has her own career, runs the house, copes with 50 guests I may bring home in the evening and has the joy of life. Woman is the greatest creation that can be."

The speeches churned out by politicians at treaty-signing ceremonies like the one last week in Washington seem remote, if not sterile, compared to the enthusiasm of Ali Yehie, fighting the good fight in the forward trenches.

"I am doing it because I am an egoist. I do it for myself, my family, for Israeli Arabs, because they are important to me. If Israeli Jews don't know who the Arabs are, it will be damaging."

"And if the Arabs don't know who the Jews are, it will be damaging. There is no right or left. There is just a body with two sides. You have to compromise all the time in life - personally, nationally, in every way. The easiest thing is to be an extremist: if you're angry with someone, eliminate him."

"My way is compromise. If my leg hurts, I don't cut it off. I say to the Israelis and the Arabs that the greatest enemy is a sense of superiority, to feel that I am everything and the other fellow is zero. The moment you sit down to work together, the two of you are equal, at eye level. Our fate is one, the Jews and the Arabs. We have a common father and similar languages. We are destined to live together. Life is stronger than anything."

He had no hesitation, when he lit the Independence Day torch, about reciting the litany ending "for the glory of Israel." Says Yehie: "This is an Israel that sees me as a person, that sees me as an

equal. This is my country."

His entry into diplomacy he regards as an extension of his life's work. "I see this as a breakthrough. All my life I've wanted to see integration of Arabs into Israeli society at every level. I also want to show the world that an Arab can represent Israel with all its ethnic communities and political colorings."

The Finland embassy had originally been designated for another Israeli Arab, Judge Yussuf Haj Yihya, but he declined for personal reasons, and the candidacy of the mayor of Taiba, Rafik Haj Yihye, likewise fell through.

Ali Yehie does not anticipate using the arcane jargon of diplomacy in his new post. "I'm sure that, in transmitting messages, I'll find a special language with which to do it." Nor does he anticipate being snubbed by other Arab diplomats in Helsinki as a traitor to the Arab cause. "After the contacts of Sadat and Mubarak and King Hussein and Arafat with Israel, I don't think any wise Arab ambassador will feel that way."

The ambassador-designate is already daydreaming of one day representing Israel in an Arab country - "That would be a blessing" - and he does not rule out a political role somewhere down the road.

He admits that the disparities between his vision of Jewish-Arab relations and the realities create powerful stresses. But reality and vision are drawing ever closer, he insists. Does not enthusiasm, even his, erode after so many years? Says Ali Yehie: "I have no time to erode. I am doing the most important work in the world."

A minister with a sense of romance

PROTOCOL is occasionally punctuated by romance. Chinese Industry and Trade Minister Wu Yi is apparently one of those who believes that romance should have priority.

The guest of honor at a dinner hosted by billionaire business tycoon Shaul Eisenberg, who has extensive dealings with China, Wu Yi noticed that some of the other guests, primarily members of the government, were surreptitiously looking at their watches. They had also been invited to a post-dinner dance, a dinner dance, organized by British Ambassador Andrew Burns and his wife Sara to welcome home newlyweds Mira Avrech - the society columnist - and former Technion president Max Reiss.

Because the Eisenberg affair started earlier, those going on to the Burneses' residence had planned to be on time or only a bit late. But protocol being what it is, they could not leave while the guest of honor was still seated. Someone whispered to Wu Yi that the ministers were invited to a wedding party, whereupon the romantic side of her nature took over, and she rose so they could make their exit.

TEMPORARILY absent from the social circuit while recuperating from surgery, Nagwa Bassouly, wife of Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassouly, made a special effort to be on hand to good good friends Avrech and Reiss. Jill Indyk, wife of US Ambassador Martin Indyk, came alone. His other pressing engagement was in Washington for the signing ceremony of the Oslo 2 accord. It was just a little too far away from Ramat Gan.

However, the diplomatic corps was well represented, with envoys from about a dozen countries. Also present were former

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presidents Yitzhak Navon and Chaim Herzog.

Radiant with the happiness generated by her recent change of status, Avrech - the uncrowned queen of Israel's social writers, and for many years the hostess of parties that many people would give their eye teeth to attend - recommended that everyone get married. And, in the most antifeminist fashion, she implied that she would be quite relieved, after traveling solo for so long, to take a back seat to her husband.

OTHER NEWLYWEDS who attracted attention at the end of last week were radio and television madcap Avri Gilad and model and screen actress Eilat Goldfarb. After keeping house together for a couple of years, the couple, who are expecting a baby in early 1996, decided to make a firm, long-term commitment. But they did it without a rabbi or any of the conventional trappings.

The wedding venue was an amusement park in Rishon LeZion, where Gilad and Goldfarb celebrated their union by riding a white horse on the merry-go-round. The reception was marked by the absence of roast chicken and bourekas, but there was lots of cotton candy. The bride disdained the traditional wedding gown, different versions of which she has worn many times on fashion runways. She opted instead for a pajama-style, ivory satin pants suit designed by Dorin Frankfurt.

BECAUSE HIS parents came to Israel for a visit just as he was

getting ready to leave for Washington, US Ambassador Indyk dispatched them to Eilat and Petra. Indyk's mother, who was raised in Tel Aviv, will have plenty of opportunity to get together with old friends and neighbors, among them Simcha Dinitz, Israel's former ambassador to Washington.

JERUSALEM MAYOR Ehud Olmert and prominent real-estate developer Mordechai Yona, who is chairman of the Building Contractors' Association, don't see eye to eye on high-rise construction. Olmert, who wants to breathe life around the clock into Jaffa Road, the capital's main street, told the Jerusalem Economic Forum that the way to achieve this was to build affordable apartments for young couples in 16- to 18-story towers, instead of expensive 2½-room apartments for tourists who come only once a year.

Affordable homes and increased employment opportunities were the most effective means of stemming the population outflow from Jerusalem, Olmert declared. But Yona, who stepped outside the Sheraton Plaza's crowded banquet room to smoke a cigarette, could not envisage Olmert's proposed revolutionary change in the Jaffa Road skyline.

"What are these stories of building upwards?" Yona asked former deputy mayor Avraham Kehila, who had also come out for a puff. "When does he think he's going to do it? In a thousand years?" Olmert may just have a few surprises in store for him.

"I WANTED her to sing 'Oy Vei Maria' and she sang 'Ave Maria,'" quipped exquisitely elegant businessman Roni Fuhrer. He was at the sumptuous supper at the Tel Aviv Hilton, following the first concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's 60th season. Fuhrer was referring to one of the encores by American soprano Leona Mitchell.

The magnificent singer, looking regal in a sweeping purple gown, was brought back to the Mann Auditorium stage again and again by an enthusiastic audience whose sustained and rousing applause were music to the ears of even such an acclaimed international star. Dressed in a black pants suit at the Hilton reception, she looked a little less majestic, but continued to receive accolades.

THE WEEK THAT WAS
MICHAEL YUDELMAN

FEVERISH scurrying to muster a majority for the Knesset vote on Oslo 2 resumed almost before the coalition MKs had broken their Yom Kippur fast Wednesday night.

It continued yesterday morning, up to the moment the debate opened. (This column had to go to press before the proceedings.) Like a TV thriller, the outcome was supposedly known to all - but why then were all those involved gripping the edge of their seats until the very last moment?

At the beginning of the week the fate of the coalition, the government - nay, the country itself - seemed to be in the hands of ... of ... what'sname? Ah, yes - Alex Goldfarb.

No one put it better than Tsomet leader MK Rafael Eitan: "The fate of the entire Middle East hangs on the end of Goldfarb's d...". What's the "d" stand for? Never mind, this is a family newspaper.

Dickering over crucial parliamentary votes has turned former electrician Goldfarb - so close to the margins of Israeli politics that if he was a sheet of paper you would have to reset the printer - into a celebrity.

Rabin invited him to a tête-à-tête and Interior Minister Ehud Barak painstakingly explained the intricacies of the agreement - "A" is for Arafat, signature here; "B" is for Bibi, you're out on your ear.

A delegation of rabbis from Kiryat Arba dropped in to visit. But it all ended abruptly on the eve of Yom Kippur, when Goldfarb told the waiting world that he "had reached an understanding" with Rabin.

The pendulum then swung sharply to other dithering MKs, whose vote might be determined by the size of the ax they have to grind with the government, like Avi Yehzekel, Shmuel Avital, Sallah Tarif and Shlomo Bubbut. Right-wingers reportedly offered MKs Avital, Goldfarb and Yosef Vanunu large sums of money to vote against the agreement. Avital described steamroller pressure from farmers in the Negev who feel neglected.

Haredi MKs hastened to join the fray, telling Rabin they would abstain if only he would fire Re-



MK Alex Goldfarb saved the day - again. He says he 'reached an understanding' with Rabin. (David Rabinovitch)

gious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet.

YI'UD ON WAY TO LABOR

Goldfarb is haggling with Labor leaders for Yi'ud to append itself to the Labor list in the elections, in the hope of salvaging his, er, its, dubious political future.

Goldfarb would vote in support of the Oslo 2 agreement, while Labor would enable him to run for Labor primaries in the Southern district. If elected, he would be - he was promised - a deputy minister in the next government as well.

Yi'ud chairman Energy Minister Gonen Segal gravely intoned that Goldfarb's plans are out of touch with reality and Yi'ud's future will be determined by its institutions. Oh well, that's really blown it then.

Goldfarb predicted that Segal would be "left like a herring strung up to dry in the sun and after the elections will be a corn exporter."

That's generously encouraging. It's a heck of a lot better than being an unemployed MK who fixes toasters.

TSOMET GUARANTEES TRUST

Tsomet has beaten everyone with primaries preparations and will be the first party to present its Knesset list in December. Yes, a tidy desk shows a tidy mind.

Rafal took pains to pick "serious" candidates. Tsomet voters

might have strong stomachs, but even they would find it hard to digest another bunch of clowns of the ilk of its present MKs.

Of course, principle and dedicated belief are all that count in presenting oneself for the people's verdict. But, just to be on the safe side you understand, Rafal also requires a little loyalty bond. A tiresome little formality - every candidate must sign a NIS 100,000 guarantee that he or she will not defect to another party in mid-term, as those three unscrupulous Yi'ud mavericks did.

Cynical MKs told us it reminded them of the financial guarantees Yitzhak Moda'i demanded from the Likud during the coalition cliffhanger of 1990 to encourage prime minister Yitzhak Shamir to keep his coalition agreement with Moda'i.

"This is all one big misunderstanding," said Tsomet spokesman Neftali Yaniv. The guarantee Tsomet Knesset candidates must sign will expire on December 21, when the Knesset list is chosen, and is only intended to prevent the candidates from exceeding their campaign budget.

As for Rafal's rather different version, Yaniv said his party leader was "not familiar with the details." Oh? Let's hope Yaniv has negotiated some insurance guarantees for his golden years.

WIZARD VANISHES

David Levy has not formed his new party yet but already has lost

his campaign adviser, media wizard Yair Ben-Eliezer. Squabbling among the functionaries surrounding Levy is the word.

Ben-Eliezer would say only that he left "because of differences over Levy's campaign strategy with central activists."

Sources in the Levy camp say Ben-Eliezer simply found it nigh impossible to have private meetings with Levy on strategy.

MOLEDET MUTTERINGS Neither, alas, is all well in the three-strong Moleadet faction.

MK Yosef Be-Gad told party leader MK Rehavam Ze'evi (Gandhi) that unless he is placed second on Moleadet's Knesset list, he will withdraw and run with yet another separate list.

Be-Gad insists he has a written agreement with Gandhi to this effect. Never mind that elections for Moleadet's list are to be secret.

Gandhi reportedly replied that anyone could contest any place on the list he chooses, "but I can't promise anything because the elections are democratic."

MOLEDET'S third MK, Shaul Gutman, has already split from the faction and formed his own list which, Knesset sources say, has made off with some planks from the late and unlamented Kach platform.

POLISH MOM, ENGLISH NANNY

Rabin asked Arafat in Washington if he is becoming Jewish, but we can reveal that Suha Arafat too is showing some symptoms of Polish-Jewish motherhood. She says she wants daughter Zawal to be a lawyer.

Zawal, who attended the signing ceremony for Oslo 2 in Washington with her mother last week, will be brought up in Gaza, Suha says. However, the Paris-born First Infant of the Palestinian Autonomy already has an English nanny. Just to make sure she's brought up right and holds her Kalashnikov correctly.

Mrs. Rabin later reported Suha as extremely warm and cordial towards her, although her plea for Leah to do something about getting female terrorists freed failed to elicit a response.

The note television cameras caught Leah passing to Suha was not, as reported, Leah's telephone number.

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Since the period of "biyur" is approaching, it is advised that the owner of the juices not intend to use them until the end of the "biyur" period (In the meantime, of course, the juices may be consumed).

Guidelines set for agricultural import tariffs

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Finance and Agriculture ministries yesterday agreed in principle on guidelines regarding the import of agricultural produce in the framework of GATT.

A statement issued by the Treasury offered guidelines for setting the taxes that are intended to protect Israeli farmers while opening the borders to imported goods.

The ministers recommended that the duties for imported goods not be lower than the tax farmers pay on their exports.

During seasons when produce cannot be grown locally, taxes on imported substitutes will be reduced, the statement said.

The Treasury and Agriculture Ministry are hoping to stabilize prices for local agricultural products as Israel expands its efforts to import produce from around the world.

Koor to make global offering

KOOR Industries, the largest industrial group in the country, has filed a request with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to issue 6.95 million American Depositary Shares (ADS) on the New York Stock Exchange, representing about 10 percent of the company's shares.

The company plans to raise about \$150 million, through a global offering scheduled for the middle of November. The proceeds of the offering are expected to expand the company's business.

Koor senior officials, headed by president and CEO Benjamin Gaon, will start the official road show for the global offering next week.

Koor's shares are currently

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traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The global initial public offering will mark the first time Koor's shares are listed on a foreign exchange.

The company plans to issue 4.17 million shares in North America and another 2.78 million in other parts of the world. The underwriters for the offering have got an overallotment option for another 1.05 million ADS.

US investment bank Smith Barney and investment bank Lehman Brothers were chosen to be the world global coordinators and major underwriters. Other underwriters include Oppenheimer and Schroder Wertheim.

United Bank of Switzerland (UBS), a large investment bank, and investment bank BZW - a member of the British Barclays Group - were chosen as leading underwriters for the international issue.

Bank Hapoalim gets BBB+ rating from European credit rating agency

Post Business Staff

BANK Hapoalim has been assigned a long-term securities rating of BBB+ by IBCA, the London-based European Credit Rating Agency, the agency announced yesterday. It is the first time the agency has rated an Israeli bank.

IBCA based the rating, which is above investment grade, on the current transformations taking place in both the Israeli economy and Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest bank.

The bank received a short-term securities rating

of A2, an individual rating of B/C, and a legal rating of 2.

By international standards the bank's profitability and capitalization ratios are respectable, the agency said.

Until this year, Hapoalim suffered from falling annual loan loss provisions and decreasing net interest margins. However, for the first six months of 1995 it has reported a strong recovery in underlying profitability.

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Teva gets approval for hypertension drug

RACHEL NEIMAN

TEVA Pharmaceutical Industries announced yesterday it has received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration to manufacture and market Captopril.

The anti-hypertension drug is the 10th Teva product to receive FDA approval this year.

Captopril is the generic equivalent of Bristol-Myers Squibb's Capoten, which has estimated US sales of \$350 million.

The approval is tentative pending expiration of the Capoten patent which has received an extension until February 13, 1996.

Mutual fund assets down

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THE total assets of mutual funds fell to NIS 16.58 billion at the end of September from NIS 16.66b. at the end of the previous month, the Meitav Consultancy Firm reported yesterday.

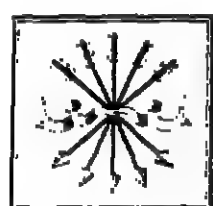
Meitav said the market suffered from a drop in yields last month compared with August, although there were only 17 days of trading.

Mutual funds suffered redemptions of NIS 47m., compared with NIS 204m. in August. According to Meitav, the market actually suffered redemptions of NIS 146m. last month, since NIS 99m. was invested in money market funds.

The highest redemptions - fell to NIS 49m. - were registered in the share funds. The flexible funds suffered redemptions of NIS 25m., government bonds NIS 23m., and foreign currency bonds NIS 21m. The bond funds suffered redemptions of NIS 16m. and the mixed bonds NIS 12m.

Private brokers' share of the market continued to grow in September, up to 14.9% from 14.5%.

At the end of the month, Bank Leumi held 33.1% of the market, Bank Hapoalim 28.7%, Discount 22.2%, First International 6.4%, and Mizrahi 4.7%.



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German mark (DM/100,000)	2.500	2.500	2.750
Swiss franc (SF/100,000)	1.250	1.250	1.500
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German mark	2.0794	2.1120	2.0794	2.1120	2.0794	2.1120
French franc	4.7295	4.8058	4.7295	4.8058	4.7295	4.8058
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Dutch guilder	1.8553	1.8553	1.8553	1.8553	1.8553	1.8553
Swiss franc	3.5984	2.8302	2.54	2.55	2.54	2.55
Swedish krona	0.4234	0.4234	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
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Finland mark	0.0028	0.0028	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Justice Ministry asks US to extradite Abu Marzook

THE Justice Ministry has sent Israel's request for the extradition of Hamas political leader Mousa Abu Marzook to the US Department of Justice, ministry spokeswoman Etti Eshed announced yesterday.

Abu Marzook is wanted for murder, conspiracy, and other offenses in Israel. He shares responsibility for Hamas attacks, in his capacity as the head of Hamas' political wing, the ministry said in a statement.

In the 900-page request are details of attacks that Hamas has

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perpetrated against Israelis, including the attack on the No. 5 bus on Dizengoff Street and the attacks in Afula and Hadera.

The discussion in the US on the extradition request is scheduled to begin on October 17.

Abu Marzook's lawyer, Stanley Cohen, said yesterday that he thought that Israel did not have a strong case against his client.

"I think the case is weak," Cohen said in New York. Abu

Marzook has not been shown to be connected to the "atrocities" that the document cites as demonstrating Hamas' role in Israel, he said.

The material does not show a Hamas hierarchy, Cohen said. Rather, it indicates a decentralized entity in which individuals are making personal decisions about action.

Eshed said Israel submitted evidence linking Abu Marzook di-

rectly to the blasts.

Abu Marzook was detained at Kennedy International Airport on July 25 after his name showed up on a list of suspected terrorists. He has lived in the US for 14 years.

In August, the US government began extradition proceedings against him.

Last month, a group calling itself "The Students of Abu Marzook" warned in a leaflet that it would abduct and shoot Americans in Palestinian-controlled areas if the US did not release him.

Iranian hijacker decries jail conditions

"If they do not plan to release me from my cell, I ask that they return me to where I came from. I'd rather be sentenced to death in Iran than jailed with drug addicts and criminals in Beersheba," Reza Jabari, being held for hijacking an Iranian airliner on September 18, said yesterday.

Jabari's remand was extended for another 10 days, and the authorities plan to charge him with air piracy. He turned himself into the

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authorities when the plane landed at the Uvda air force base. He was originally jailed in Eilat, then transferred to the Beersheba prison. Yesterday, Jabari complained about the conditions there.

"I don't eat or sleep. The place I'm being held in now is making me tense and depressed. Being with junkies and criminals bothers me. I

ask that I be placed in a separate cell or be returned to Eilat, where my conditions were much better," he asked.

Jabari's lawyer, Shmuel Sa'adya again asked for Jabari's release, proposing a "way station" for his client at the home of an activist for Iranian Jewry, until the authorities could decide what to do with him, but Beersheba Magistrate's Court Judge Tohar Shahaf ordered his remand extended.

Fibers in car said to match Kikos's blouse

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"NINE fibers were found in Abeid's car which match the blouse found on Hanit Kikos's skeleton," Ch.-Supt. Avner Rozengarter, of the fibers lab at National Police Headquarters, testified at Suleiman Obaid's murder retrial in Beersheba District Court yesterday.

Rozengarter, considered the main surprise prosecutor Ze'ev Lamp was to produce, explained at length the procedures the fibers went through until they were found to be a match. Five tests were conducted, and a sixth would have been done except the fibers were too short to permit such an examination.

The comparisons were done here and in England. Rozengarter said, and were designed to test for a match of color and dimension between those found in Obaid's car and on the blouse. Matching fibers were found on the front seat, the back seat, and on a towel Abeid used. Rozengarter said.

However, Rozengarter admitted that "it is possible the fibers found in the suspect's car belong to another blouse, and not that found on the skeleton. But it seems more likely to me that they came from the blouse on the skeleton."

Abeid's lawyer, Avigdor Feldman, said Rozengarter's report was based on speculation.

Hizbullah attacks IDF, SLA targets

HIZBULLAH continued its wave of attacks on the security zone yesterday with long-range shooting and a roadside bomb blast against South Lebanese Army troops.

The explosive device was detonated alongside an SLA patrol on operational duties in the Ali Tahr hill range, in the eastern sector of the zone in the afternoon.

Around the same time, Hizbullah gunmen fire several mortars and Katyusha rockets at the troops and at IDF and SLA positions in the same area.

There were no casualties among IDF or SLA soldiers in any of the incidents and no damage was caused.

IDF and SLA gunners shelled back.

David Rudge

Alex Tal new navy head

Vice Admiral Alex Tal was yesterday confirmed as the next commander of the navy, replacing Adm. Ami Ayalon who will retire after 32 years of service, three-and-a-half as OC Navy.

The appointment was announced by the Office of the Chief of General Staff, after it was approved by Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Tal will take over the navy in several months and will be promoted to admiral.

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